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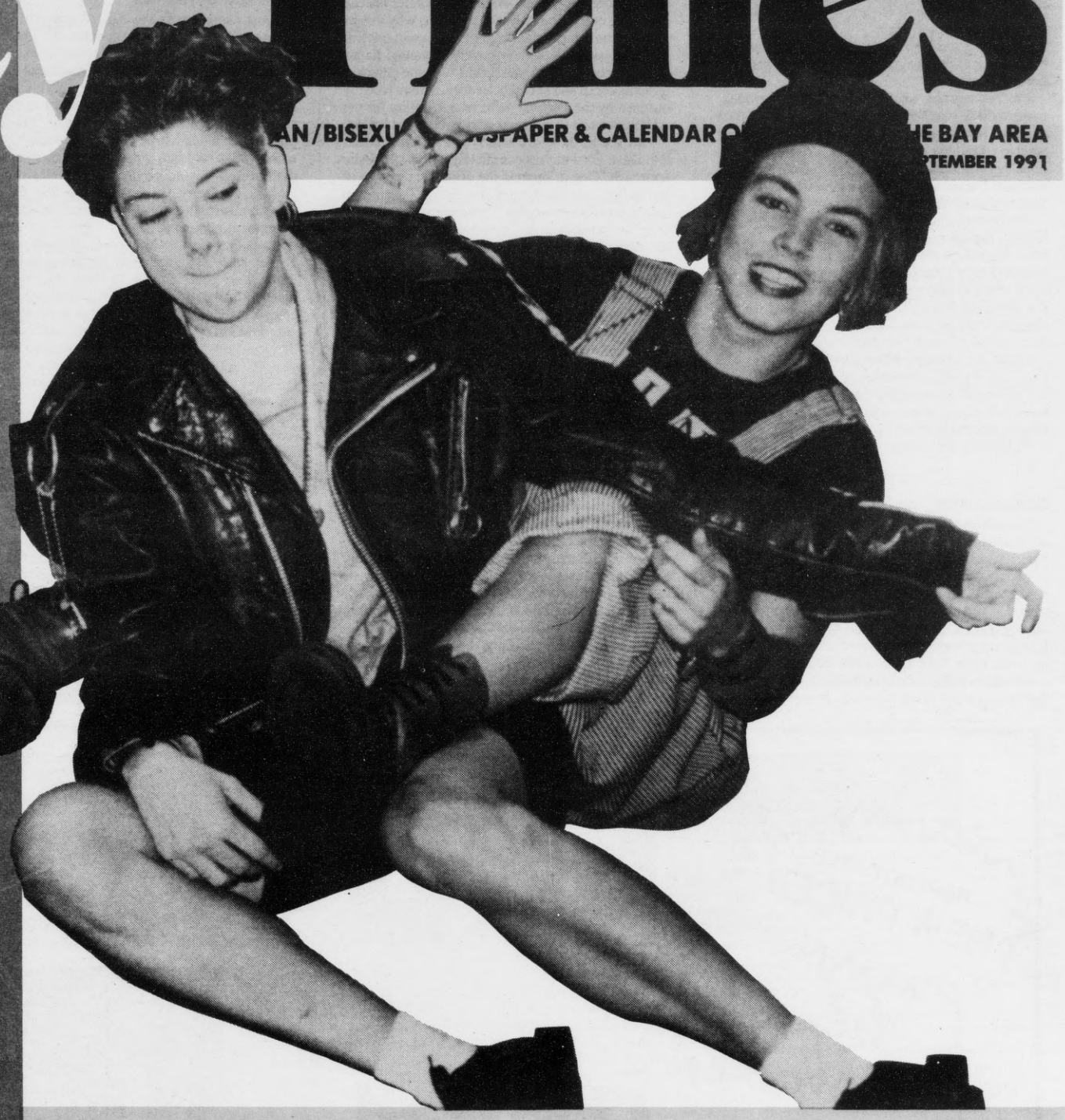

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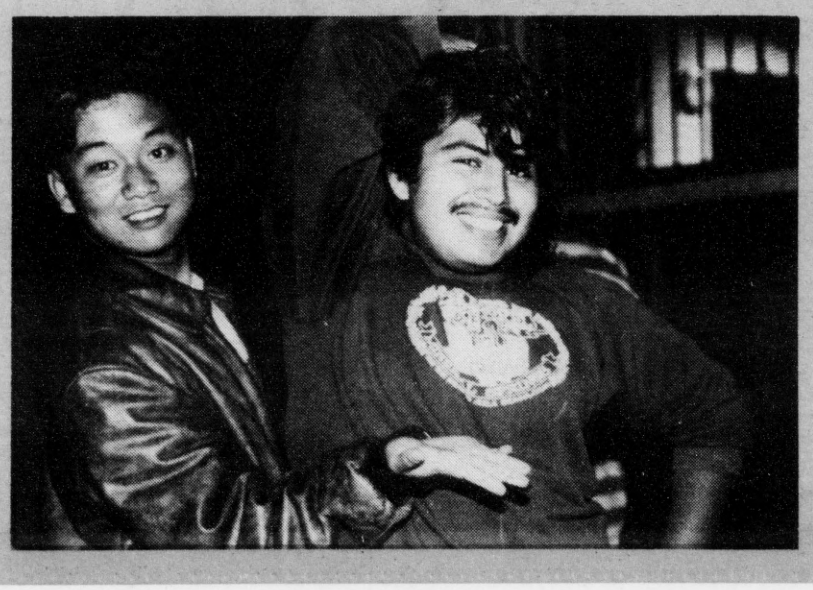

GAY YOUTH

LETTERS

Keep Your Hands to Yourself (Without Mutual Consent)

Finally someone has expressed what I've experienced all of my adult life in gay San Francisco ("Gay Men and Their Roaming Hands," August 1991 *SF Bay Times*).

I know this seems to be a young vs. older man problem, but it exists at every level of the gay male experience.

I'm 39 years old, a bisexual, and still get groped, manhandled, touched and rubbed by a lot of men to whom I am not attracted or to whom I simply don't want to relate. For some reason, many men out there hope that you'll succumb to them just from their persistance. I never have—even in the early days of the Stud and Ritch Street Baths.

I've been in a number of fistfights at the baths and in bars, though I never went to bars much, and the issue was always the same—being touched or groped by men I didn't want to touch me. Once, out of the blue, some stranger actually bit me on the neck in the Midnight Sun (breaking the skin), and we had had absolutely no previous contact. By the way, I've had young men touch me when it was unwanted too.

I think part of the problem is looksism, but a good part of it is traditional male sexist behavior.

I just want to ask all the men out there to please keep their hands to themselves—unless, of course, there's mutual consent.

Thanks for the article.

Tony Gemello
San Francisco

Scapegoating Older Men

The August 1991 issue of *SF Bay Times* contained an article written by Dave Ford that was such an irresponsible and poorly written piece that it is hard to know where to begin in response.

The article was framed with an offensive and patronizing tone, alternately blaming and bashing older gay men for their alleged "roaming hands." It likewise generalized in its distinction that younger gay men were more appropriate than older men in touching/personal contact behavior and in identifying younger gay men as being chronic targets of older gay male impropriety. I am curious as to whether or not the younger men who were interviewed would have been so quick to verbally lash out at other men who had touched them similarly, if they were also young. As well, I wonder instead of yelling at the first unwanted contact, why a clear verbal communication of refusal was not attempted, including possibly removing the unwanted hands from their bodies? I'm also curious as to the influence on some social and sexual behaviors of more recently out men by the assignation of responsibility for the AIDS epidemic to gay men who've been out longer.

As I see it, there are clearly unaddressed issues that Dave Ford misses completely in this simplistic approach. One of them is the dramatic upsurge of *erotophobia* or the fear of that which is erotic in nature, a phenomenon that is progressively more evident as conservative, revisionist attitudes and assumptions are legitimated in response to HIV disease-related fear and ignorance. Another unrecognized issue is the rupture between gay men of different coming-out generations, profoundly impacting mentoring relationships with which many men were previously socialized into acceptable and facilitative social and sexual behaviors.

Socially, it is broadly understood that it is unacceptable to be touched without clear consent and, yet, every day there are judgment errors or failures in this domain by many people. Contextually, in gay men's bars, historically it has been social consensus that if a man is presented shirtless and with his pants partially undone, this would indicate he is looking for sex and that methods for refusing offers exist.

It seems evident that we are in a period of sociocultural transition and that all gay men are grappling with a lack of commonly held assumptions regarding sexually oriented personal behavior. However, this need not foster the scapegoating of any segment of our community nor should it discourage communication among subgroups; rather, we must create *and maintain* places of *safety* where we can share and learn from our experiences.

Mr. Ford's column could provide a forum for examination of some of these issues, if a more constructive and less biased writing style were used.

Jim Lovette
San Francisco

One Big Screamer

I just came across the August copy of *SF Bay Times* and want to thank you for the wonderful satirical piece by Dave Ford, "Touchy, Touchy..." on the "explosive issue of intergenerational touch." Just the thought of mindless, albeit politically correct, twinks hanging out—in the midst of the present AIDS holocaust—in bars and sex clubs obsessing about whether or not to invite the "older man" (30-40 at least) who is eyeing them to *touch* their presumably nubile bods is by itself sickeningly, killingly funny. But forming as it does the comedic premise of the article, well, what can I say—it's a stroke of genius!

And the author has created such graphic characters, who skirt deftly along the border between reality and pure fantasy, to flesh out the satiric material. All of us can recognize elements of these crazed sexual—or maybe that should be asexual—personae in friends and acquaintances—those breezy, fresh-faced innocents babbling in the hippest PC-ese of "controlling their bodies," about strangers "breaking their space," and always using the sanitary and acceptable term *person* instead of the filthy, discredited and so disreputable *man*... Even in talking about sex, these innocents never waver; when talking about it, for instance, Danny avers, "it makes me feel a lot more comfortable if the *person* is touching me..." (Did I miss something? Does the "younger" generation even know what sex *is*? But that's another topic...)

I could go on with effusive praise for the brilliant Mr. Ford, but perhaps the horse has already been beaten to death. The whole piece really was—at the risk of a horrid pun—one big screamer. I only hope that the author will continue to regale us with his indefatigable wit.

Just in case the real world does contain youngsters as fanciful as those Mr. Ford describes—which I by the way am inclined to doubt, I suggest to them the following exercise: Stand in front of a mirror and repeat like a kind of mantra the following: "I am a *man*...I am a *man*..." It may look strange, lord knows it will sound strange, but sooner or later darlings, as you nurse one by one your dying friends, as you are forced to fight all over again the bitter battles for your very right to exist, that we "older men" fought for all of us years ago, you'll eventually find it—shock! horror!—to be true.

In the meantime—hey, cut us some slack, OK?

Marshall Cason
Martinez

Skewed Socialization

It is difficult to be self-critical when you're under siege, but Dave Ford made a valiant attempt to open up intergenerational touching for discussion. Unfortunately, he was sabotaged by the banner headline, "Touchy, Touchy: Gay Men and Their Roaming Hands."

By the tone of the headline, I was expecting yet another attack on "public" sex and sex-obsessed gay men, not a well-written article about the politics of older gay men touching younger gays. The word "Their" is extremely "othering" in reference to an article by a gay man about gay men in a lesbian and gay newspaper.

By using the feminist model of how men treat women, however, the article, itself, neglected unique aspects of both youth oppression and gay oppression. All adults were once youth and those youths who live long enough eventually become adults. Boundaries also separate oppressions.

Becoming an adult is not a biologic process like wrinkles but is a social process of learning how to act effectively in a given culture. The youth learns the values, customs, verbal and nonverbal language, and norms of a culture, a process called socialization. Not only the schools but popular culture, religion and the family play this vital role.

This process occurs in virtually every culture but as every homo-centric reader has already concluded, not the lesbian and gay culture(s). It is not so much that we do not socialize our young but that we are prevented from socializing young gays and lesbians into the culture of their future. In fact, as youth we are/were socialized away from gays and lesbians with the image of the predatory homosexual child molester.

To make matters worse, we enter/entered the lesbian/gay culture(s) generally at the height of adolescent rebellion—precisely the point at which it is most

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difficult to be socialized. All we have/had to rely on in this fascinating and terrifying world are our raging hormones and an extremely low sense of self-worth.

This skewed socialization is critical to understanding issues of gay youth. Not only have gay youth been thrown on stage without a script, but the task of communicating the social rules and roles to a younger generation forces the adult community to examine just what those rules and roles are. Consequently, the adult community has not really taken stock of what our rules, roles and norms are. This is not to say that individual adult gay men do not take advantage of this situation, but they do not create it. It is the totalitarian control of the nuclear family, the sanctioning of sexual ignorance in the educational institutions, and the eros-hostility of 99 percent of organized religion that does.

If we do not place our problems within the context of institutionalized heterosexism, we end up adapting to a set of rules in which we cannot win. Reality reflects political and social power made to appear invisible and natural. In this case, we end up with the image of adult gay men bothering/molesting younger gay men. The article seems to be proposing that younger men should either initiate or give approval first. This assumes that both parties use the same nonverbal signals which can be understood in the environment—frequently dark, crowded places with incredibly loud music blaring.

Like all other activities, touching should be consensual and responsible. But consent is impossible if the parties involved do not share the same nonverbal language. A better solution would be an open discussion of how we show interest, give permission, and assert ourselves sexually including both verbal and body language. Since culturally we put a high value on sexual spontaneity, this could never be a fixed definitive statement of how to act, but could serve as some sort of guide as well as a very needed clarification of what and how we communicate.

It's difficult enough to accept yourself as gay. Frequently, it's even more difficult to enter the gay community. What we have given our youth amounts to a "sink or swim" model of learning, a model which seems dreadfully straight.

Sean McShee
San Francisco

Dave Ford replies:

Messrs. Gemello, Lovette and McShee raise the very kind of excellent points I'd hoped for when I wrote, "(This) is by no means comprehensive on any front; consider (it) a discussion kickstart."

But Mr. Lovette's responsible, well-written and unbiased letter misses a key point. He wonders if "the younger men...would have been so quick to lash out at the other men who had touched them similarly, if they were also young." That's not at issue: what is is the power differential between an older man and a younger one.

As to the article's lack of breadth: mea culpa. *I initially set out to write an in-depth piece on touch between gay men. Bad timing, deadlines and other bullshit telescoped my research; what evolved from the people I* did *talk to was the information I presented. I certainly didn't intend to "scapegoat" older men...after all, at thirty-four, I'm* becoming *olders.*

Confidential to Mr. Cason: nice try princess. I suggest the following exercise. Stand in front of a mirror and repeat: "I am a moron*...I am a* moron*." Lord knows it will sound strange, but sooner or later, when you realize there are actual young gay out there who need nurturing and guidance from their elders, and not flip, cavalier dismissal, you'll eventually find it—big fucking surprise—to be true. Hey: cut us* all *some slack, OK?*

A Statement From "Those Involved" In Attack on Sup. Achtenberg's Home

The action taken on the street in front of Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg's residence has been incorrectly reported in Robert Morse's column (*SF Examiner*) and in AIDSWEEK by Lisa Krieger and Jayne Garrison. Queer Nation was NOT involved in any manner. The action was taken by myself and three others. I am a member of Queer Nation; the others are not. This was an independent action taken without the knowledge of, or consultation with, Queer Nation. This action was in response to what we felt was a misrepresentation of our needs as members of the community.

Supervisor Achtenberg had cast the deciding vote against a proposal that was to provide immediate funds for AIDS education of youth, by authorizing a temporary transfer tax on real estate properties valued over $400,000. These funds were to start programs to educate the group most at risk to contracting the AIDS virus. Health Department surveys show that 42.9 percent of those aged 17-19 years have unprotected anal intercourse regularly. This high rate of unsafe sex, combined with an infection rate of 14.3 percent is a formula for disaster. Vulnerable youth, kept in ignorance, tend to feel an invulnerability typical of teenagers, and will continue to practice unsafe sex unless informed about the risk. Immediate AIDS education, in the form of peer group counseling and outreach, is the most effective method to prevent the further spread of AIDS. Waiting for unallocated funds from the federal government, which could take months to arrive, would allow for dozens, if not hundreds, of youth to contract the AIDS virus. The future toll in lives resulting from this delay would be an intolerable disaster that would allow the AIDS epidemic to continue unabated.

The presence from the public, of those most concerned, in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers had little apparent effect on the voting on this issue. We decided that pasting leaflets on the driveway in front of Supervisor Achtenberg's home and along Castro Street would be an effective method of spotlighting the importance of this issue.

FIVE leaflets were pasted on the driveway in front of Supervisor Achtenberg's home. No violence or violation of the home occurred. Our only action at the residence was to paste the driveway with *five* leaflets which could be washed away. We then pasted additional leaflets along Castro Street, particularly at 18th and Castro. These leaflets said "SAVE YOUNG LIVES, 3 MILLION FOR AIDS ED NOW!" Some of these leaflets simply stated the democratic principle that if an elected official does not represent the community from which they were elected, they could be voted out of office.

The hysterical and exaggerated response has incited Mr. Morse to get carried away and make ridiculous comparisons with the violent and genocidal Brown Shirts of Hitler's Germany. This in turn has already caused local reprisals based upon a misunderstanding of what actually occurred. To liken this action to the Nazi movement is an affront, not only to the lesbian and gay community, but to all direct action political groups that have successfully effected change.

The action toward Supervisor Achtenberg was perhaps ill-advised, but it did have an effect. $152,000 was allocated in the budget to start these vital programs immediately. It was apparent that without action by members of the community, no money was to have been spent on immediate AIDS education of youth. To us, not funding these lifesaving programs would have been an unconscionable act. We felt the urgent need to do *something*.

Those Involved

Support For Achtenberg

An Open Letter to Roberta Achtenberg:

WE, the women of LABIA are outraged by the recent acts of vandalism at your house, as we are angered by all acts of violence against women and lesbians. As a focus group of Queer Nation/SF, we are working to eliminate acts motivated by hate. We respect you for being an out dyke in city politics and for taking the risks that that involves.

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An Open Letter To Supervisors Achtenberg, Britt, Migden

Dear Roberta, Harry and Carol,

At our August 6 meeting, the members of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club unanimously adopted the following statement:

The Stonewall Gay Democratic Club is disturbed over the recent much-publicized rift between our lesbian and gay elected officals.

The lack of AIDS education funding which targets young gay men is costing lives. We need leadership and an ability to seek community input. We do NOT need our own Supervisors publicly attacking each other. We are dismayed that there is an appearance that our community can be manipulated and drawn into squabbles between our elected leaders.

We are in the midst of our community's gravest crisis, and we expect better.

Stonewall calls upon Supervisors Britt, Achtenberg and Migden to attend our September 3 general membership meeting to discuss ideas for formulating an aggressive program for AIDS education for young gay men.

Richmond Young, President
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club
San Francisco

Hongisto For Mayor

San Francisco's lesbian/gay/bisexual communities have undergone many changes and additions to our ranks. Many newcomers may be unaware of our political history in The City.

Richard Hongisto has been there for us since the early '60s when he was an officer with the Police Community Relations unit. He was a co-founder of the (Black) Officers for Justice, was the only white officer to join, and still maintains his membership. Hongisto is committed to a police force that is sensitive to the concerns of minority communities from every part of the City.

In the '70s, Sheriff Hongisto was the first in law enforcement to actively recruit lesbian and gay deputies. He went to Florida to boost the campaign opposing Anita Bryant's religious crusade against homosexuals in Dade County. In the '80s, Supervisor Hongisto fought for domestic partnership protection, won a national nondiscrimination policy from General Motors, and developed the first ever HIV Early Intervention Center plan.

Of all the candidates for mayor Richard Hongisto has the most management experience, an important requisite for the job. He opposes land development schemes by out-of-town developers who rob our open spaces, hurt our neighborhoods, and diminish

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Turning to Adults for Support:
Money Not a Sure Thing for Center for Young Gays

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Efforts are moving forward to establish a lesbian/gay/bisexual youth center in San Francisco, and its backers are turning to the adult community for support. Gay and Lesbian Youth Advocates (GLYA), a coalition of service providers, agencies and concerned individuals, is sponsoring a forum on September 10 to highlight the need for such a center and to strengthen alliances between adults and youth.

The time is right to get the center, says Kristen Bachler, who as Executive Director of the Delinquency Prevention Commission, coordinates services for at-risk youth in the City. "People are starting to recognize this as a need. Some money is available—that's appropriate. It feels right." Taking advantage of the charged political atmosphere surrounding the mayoral race, GLYA is searching for funds to pay for the center and push it through the proper channels for approval. Already, a resolution sponsored by Roberta Achtenberg has been approved by the Board of Supervisors naming a youth center as the top priority for health care funds the city is expecting in October from the Robbins bill. The resolution was signed by Mayor Agnos on August 12.

The money is not a sure thing though. While the resolution puts the Board on record as advocating funding for certain projects, the Health Commission actually decides the allocation of the money. Much could happen between now and October, but Robert Rios, legislative aide to Achtenberg, believes the resolution is important. "It indicates a level of governmental support that's never been expressed in such a united way before," he says, adding "I believe it's gonna happen."

Supporters of the center are optimistic about its chances, but are not waiting passively for the money to come pouring in. Other funding sources are being sought, including community development block grants and private donors. GLYA is appealing to the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities to register their support for the youth center by attending the forum, educating themselves on the needs of queer youth and urging political officials to support the center.

Some see the plight of lesbian, gay and bisexual youth as dire. Bachler said, "I don't think there are any services in the City that gay and lesbian kids who are really out can use comfortably." Eric Ciasullo, co-chair of the Youth Center Task Force for GLYA, says that existing services are either targeted to gay, lesbian and bisexual adults or to youth in general. The former are age-exclusive, and the latter can be hostile to queer youth due to homophobia. For example, Larkin Street Youth Center, which started as a service for gay and lesbian street youth, has changed to the point where many gay youth won't use it "because there are skinheads there," according to Ciasullo. Recent provisions, such as an outreach worker at 18th Street Services and the LYFE Program are underfunded.

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Some of the young people from LYRIC (Lavendar Youth Recreation and Information Center)

Editorial: It's Time to Support Our Lesbian/Gay and Bisexual Youth

By Kristen Bachler & Eric Ciasullo of Gay/Lesbian Youth Advocates

San Francisco needs a center for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth—and we need it now.

At least 10 percent of the 70,000 adolescents who live in San Francisco—7,000 young people—are lesbian/gay/bisexual. The majority of these adolescents are youth of color and are thus doubly disenfranchised. They face the racism of the dominant culture while homophobia isolates them from their own communities and from the community as a whole.

Thousands of youth from across the country flock to San Francisco each year, precisely because of its reputation as a gay mecca. Like many adults who seek refuge here, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth and young adults have left families and communities where they have been ridiculed, harassed and assaulted because of their sexual orientation. But when they arrive, they find that no agency here provides opportunities for them to meet other lesbian/gay/bisexual youth in a safe, social environment. The bars and the streets become their only alternatives.

Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are dying for support. Literally. Suicide is the leading cause of death among lesbian/gay youth, and as many as 30 percent of all youth suicides are lesbian and gay. Lesbian/gay/bisexual young people are three times more likely than their non-gay peers to abuse drugs and alcohol; they are more likely to drop out of school; and they represent a vastly disproportionate number of homeless youth forced by circumstance to live and work on the streets.

And, as recent studies demonstrate, campaigns designed to prevent HIV infection among young people have tragically failed to reach the youth in our community. HIV/AIDS is pandemic among gay/bisexual boys and young men in San Francisco. More than 90 percent of young adults living with HIV are gay and bisexual young men. HIV prevention and education campaigns that target young lesbians are virtually nonexistent. Elected officials and others contend that these young women are not an at-risk population. This prevailing misconception ignores the reality that young lesbians, like all young people who engage in unsafe sexual behavior, are at risk for HIV/AIDS and for other sexually transmitted diseases. Given that hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent in this city on prevention/education programs for youth, the lack of comprehensive services targeting young gay/bisexual men and women can only be described as genocide.

Ironically, San Francisco is one of the few major urban centers in the United States that does not have any centralized services for lesbian/gay/bisexual young people. Gay youth in Indianapolis looking for support can call a toll-free lesbian/gay youth switchboard, or stay in a shelter for gay youth in Los Angeles, or attend a high school for lesbian/gay youth in New York. But in San Francisco, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth are hard pressed to find support systems similar to those found in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York or even Indianapolis.

Services that target high-risk young people in San Francisco fail to meet the needs of the young people in our community. While some youth-serving agencies struggle to be gay-inclusive, lesbian, gay and bisexual adolescents are less inclined to use such services because they so often find their non-gay peers hostile toward them. Large numbers of young people in our community will not walk through doors that lead to the type of harassment and rejection that they have courageously sought to leave behind. This is a credit to their hard-won self-respect and an indictment of a city and community which fails to recognize the needs of young people within the lesbian/gay/bisexual community.

One program, the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center (LYRIC), does provide limited opportunities for lesbian/gay/bisexual youth to meet one another. Established in 1988, LYRIC sponsors clean and sober dances, hikes, peer-led support groups for young lesbians and young gay men, pancake breakfasts, and a championship co-ed softball team in the Gay Softball League. LYRIC, which is affiliated with Operation Concern, is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization which serves hundreds of lesbian/gay/bisexual youth. Some of the young people who attended the first LYRIC events several years ago are now leaders of the organization—speaking on behalf of LYRIC, lobbying in Sacramento and educating teachers and others about the needs of lesbian and gay youth. The courageous leadership of these young people has provided limited visibility for lesbian/gay/bisexual youth in San Francisco. Yet despite LYRIC's success, clearly more can and should be done for lesbian/gay/bisexual youth.

LYRIC needs a home.

Gay/Lesbian Youth Advocates (GLYA), under the auspices of the Delinquency Prevention Commission is working with LYRIC to secure funding and resources for a youth center. Composed of

approximately 40 youth-serving agencies and individuals, GLYA has drafted an Agenda for Change and has made the acquisition and development of a lesbian/gay/bisexual youth center a top priority.

A lesbian/gay youth center is already long overdue in this city. For years, young lesbians and gay men have come out in increasingly greater numbers and younger ages. The adult lesbian/gay/bisexual community must now reach out and offer a concrete sign to these young people that they have a place in our community, that they are a welcome presence, and that they have a right to speak to us and each other about their needs and their dreams. A multi-service, multi-cultural, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth recreational center is needed now to address the issues of gay-youth isolation. Such a center will serve as a model for an adult gay community—a model that embraces diversity and affirms the individual cultural and ethnic identities of lesbian, gay and bisexual young people. The need for such a center is important for all gay youth, but the need is even more compelling for youth of color who experience the dual oppression of racism and homophobia. In short, youth need a safe space in which to be themselves as young gay people and as young gay people of color.

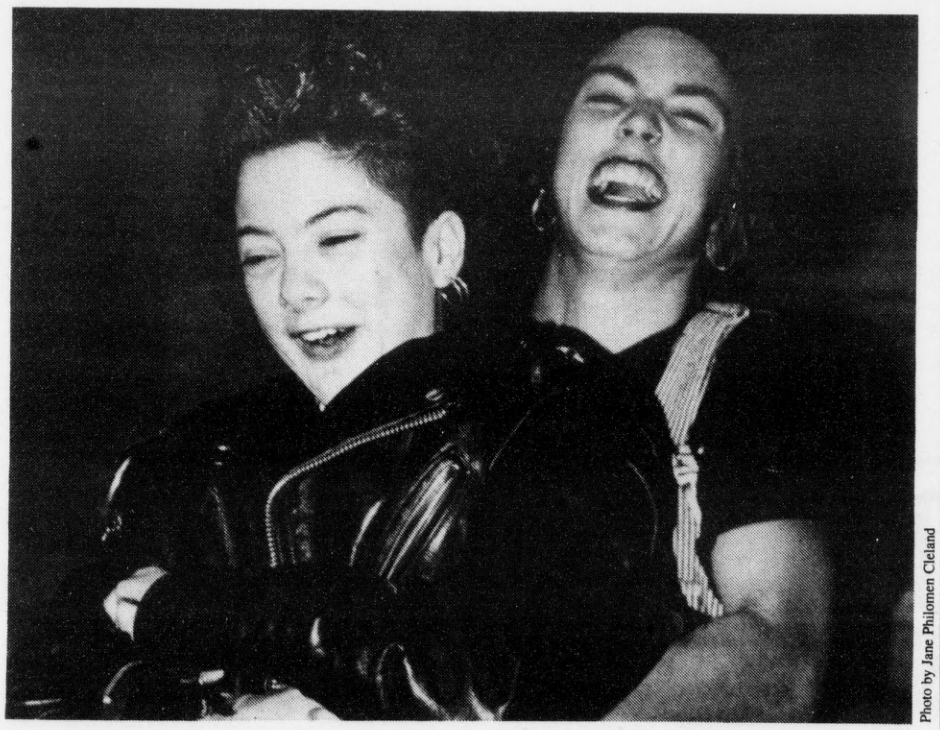
As lesbians and gay men, we can no longer remain silent about the needs of the youth in our community. Our continued silence only prolongs the isolation and invisibility of these youth in our midst. We must finally acknowledge what we know from our collective experience to be true—that the needs of lesbian/gay/bisexual adolescents are most often overlooked by the people and institutions—parents, teachers, ministers, social service providers, schools and recreation programs—to whom they would turn for support. We must put our resources—personal, political and financial—to the service of youth within our community.

In recent months, community and political leaders have made a commitment to meet/answer the needs of the young people in our community. For the first time in San Francisco history, a few new programs which target lesbian/gay/bisexual youth at risk have been minimally funded, and, in fact, LYRIC is closer than ever to finding a home. Roberta Achtenberg and the Board of Supervisors have made the establishment of a lesbian/gay/bisexual youth center the top priority of the Robbins Bill, which provides $26 million for new health programs in San Francisco. Mayor Art Agnos has signed a resolution calling for this prioritization and has stated, in our own community papers, a commitment toward this goal. This commitment must translate toward sufficient funds toward the purchase and acquisition of a permanent and accessible site, as well as full funding for staff and program development which will meet the enormous need of young people at risk.

If political leaders are going to shepherd the youth center through the political battles that, no doubt, lay ahead, they need widespread community support to give them the courage of their convictions.

Call City Hall. Congratulate the Mayor for expressing leadership on behalf of lesbian/gay/bisexual youth and let him know that you will hold him accountable for the commitment he has made for a youth center. Speak with other elected officials, especially lesbian/gay elected officials, and demand that the needs of these young people remain the highest priority when money from the Children's Amendment becomes available. Insist within lesbian/gay service agencies not only that they extend their services to include the urgent demands of young people in our community, but that they take leadership in lobbying on behalf of lesbian and gay youth for funding from private foundations and agencies such as the United Way.

Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth represent the future of our community. They have an important role to play right now in speaking to us about our strengths and shortcomings, and about the directions in which we need to move. Lesbian, gay and bisexual young people must be given an opportunity to address their own critical needs and to offer the insight we need to shape a future together. They will seize the opportunity if we work with them to create one. They're waiting; they're dying for our support.



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every at-risk population, leading to some dismal statistics. They comprise some 30 percent of runaway homeless youth in San Francisco and are three times more likely to attempt suicide or be substance abusers. Ninety percent of young HIV positive people are gay or bisexual men. Ciasullo cautions against the temptation to pathologize queer youth. Even without the great social service needs, "they would still have a right to a youth center."

Judith Stevenson, Executive Director of Operation Concern, points out that opportunities that exist for straight youth are not available for young queers. "Parks and Recreation, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts—anything a 15- or 18-year-old would want to do exists for you if you are straight, and it doesn't if you are not."

The adult gay/lesbian/bisexual community is not necessarily welcoming either. Much community socializing is centered around bar culture, which excludes those under 21. Diana Phillips, a 19-year-old lesbian youth activist, says, "I see a lot of adultism. We're constantly told we're too young, we don't have enough experience. Adults can be good allies if they ask us how to be our friends."

What is envisioned, Ciasullo says, is a "fully funded, comprehensive, multi-racial lesbian/gay/bisexual services center," which would go some way toward filling the need that exists. The community in question is quite diverse, encompassing people of differing race, gender, age and home status. The prospect of meeting those varying needs is daunting, Stevenson feels, "The one thing these young people have in common is their queerness. Just having a building would be very important—to say 'we're here for queer youth'...a place [to] see peers and role models and see there are healthy ways to live...On down the road separations may be necessary, but we're not serving anybody right now."

Figuring prominently in plans for the center is LYRIC, Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center, a group begun in 1988 as a social group for gays, lesbians and bisexuals 23 and under. Beth Kivel, co-founder of LYRIC, is co-chair of the GLYA Task Force for the center. She views the proposed center as essentially an expanded, fully funded version of LYRIC. Currently, LYRIC operates as a sponsored project of Operation Concern, with no permanent home. It runs rap groups for men and women and sponsors dances, camping trips and a softball team.

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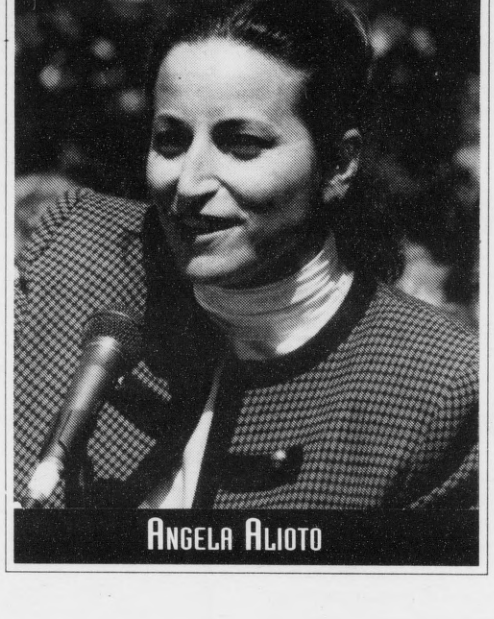

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San Francisco Health Care Workers Organize Against Mandatory Testing

BY TIM KINGSTON

Health care workers at SF General Hospital are once again on the front lines of the AIDS epidemic, only this time it is not just your health they are protecting, it may be your civil liberties.

On Sept. 11, a new group called the SFGH Committee for Health and Social Justice (CHSJ) and ACT UP/San Francisco are calling for a demonstration against two measures pending in the U.S. Senate—one by Jesse Helms—that would require mandatory HIV testing for all U.S. health care workers, under the guise of protecting them from HIV infection.

Sal Rosselli, president of Local 250, says the legislation is "medical McCarthyism." Charges Rosselli, "It is this demagogue Helms causing hysteria over a very tragic issue, and acting in a very irresponsible way, by proclaiming health care workers as part of the problem when health care workers are the solution. We are the people who care for all the folks with this terrible disease." The Northern California Joint Council of the Service Employees International Union, which represents all 18 SEIU locals in northern California, is also endorsing the demonstration.

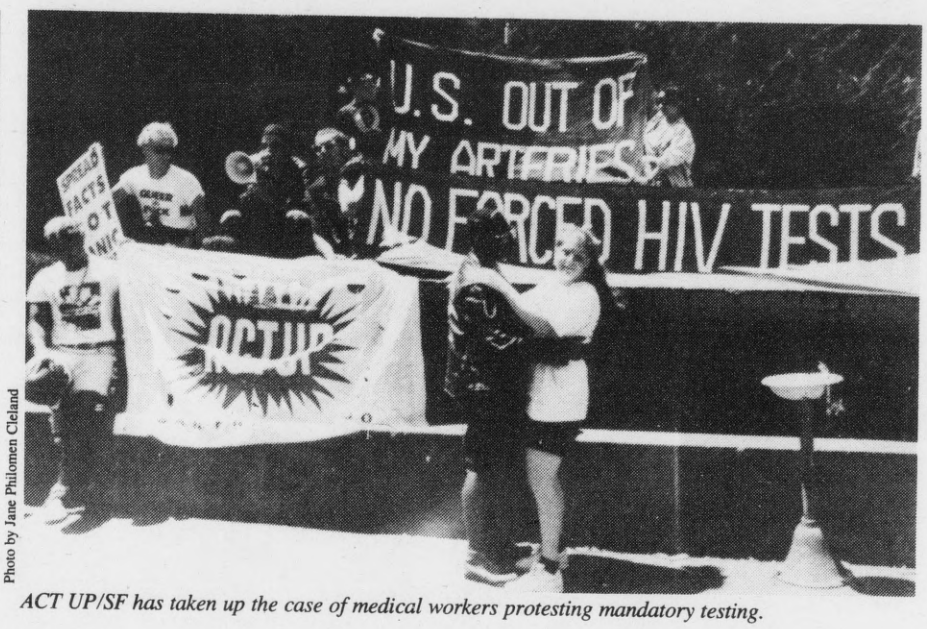
Both Helms' amendment and the "compromise" measure drafted by Senators Robert Dole, Ted Kennedy and Orrin Hatch to dilute the North Carolina senator's amendment are frankly punitive. Under the Helms amendment, HIV-positive health care workers face 10 years in jail and a $10,000 fine if they fail to notify a patient of their sero status, regardless of what precautions they take. Under the compromise legislation, HIV-positive health workers involved in "invasive" procedures must follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines by "voluntarily" disclosing their HIV status or face professional or legal disciplinary proceedings. Critics say that will only serve to drive HIV-positive health care workers into hiding their health status.

"It seems to be a farce that a doctor will be able to announce their HIV status and continue to practice—the level of hysteria is enormous," says Naphthali Offen, of San Francisco's Medical Expertise Retention Program. Doctors around the country whose HIV status have been revealed face huge malpractice and emotional distress suits from patients, even though the patients are HIV-negative. "There is not a great deal of incentive for doctors to come out as HIV-positive," says Offen in a masterly understatement.

"The people who are really being scapegoated and targeted are gay health care workers; those are the people who [the legislation] is most going to affect," charges Diane Jones, head nurse on SF General Hospital Ward 5A that cares for hospitalized AIDS patients. She notes that since many gay health care workers are clustered in AIDS work, people with AIDS will also be hurt by the legislation.

Mandatory testing is also expensive. Norm Nickens, a San Francisco Human Rights Commission staffer notes that 37 to 40 million people go through hospitals every year, and about 60 percent are over 55 years old. "It would simply not be cost-effective and would be a diversion of resources from infection control procedures into mandatory testing."

"To us, mandatory testing is not the solution. The solution is mandatory enforcement of OSHA's precautionary standards around blood-borne diseases," says Rosselli. The SEIU is demanding that the Federal Government and the Occupational Health and Safety Agency (OSHA) immediately enact legally binding universal precautions guidelines that have been awaiting federal approval for the past *five* years. Universal precautions require each patient be treated as if they are infected with a blood-borne disease and mandate that health care workers take precautions, such as wearing protective clothing if there is a likelihood of exposure to infected blood, as well as the standard sterilization of instruments, to prevent blood-borne infections.



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ACT UP/SF has taken up the case of medical workers protesting mandatory testing.

First prostitutes, then health care workers, then patients. Who's next? Injection drug users? People who "look" gay? *Everyone*—just to be on the safe side?

"We see [the legislation] as a direct attack on health care workers and their civil rights, but also as a much broader attack on the civil rights of all people in this country," says Gayle Markow, an RN at SF General Hospital. "We have to assume that everyone is potentially infected with any disease, and the way to prevent transmission is to use good infection control. The fact that someone tests [HIV-antibody] negative only means they were negative up to the point when they were tested... It does not mean that they are not HIV positive today."

RAMPANT HYSTERIA SPURS REPRESSIVE ACTION

"What the Senate is doing is they are criminalizing health care workers," charges Rob Lowe of ACT UP/SF. Helms used the case of David Acer—the Florida dentist whose faulty procedures probably infected Kimberly Bergalis with HIV— to re-ignite America's smoldering AIDS hysteria. It worked. Offen says the Senate fell right in line with Helms. "I have not seen such near unanimity on the wrong side of an issue since the Gulf War. It is hysteria."

Naomi Shapiro, a shop steward with Local 790 and an RN at SF General Hospital, suggests that continued public ignorance about AIDS lit the bonfire. "A lot of people in this country want to believe that this can only happen to *those* people, gay people and IVDU's, and then they see that someone can get infected in their dentist's office and they blindly panic."

While the Helms bill is awful, word in Washington is that it will be dropped at a mid-September House-Senate conference committee. The Kennedy-Dole-Hatch bill, which passed the Senate 99-0, is more insidious and virtually guaranteed to become law. That bill mandates all states must legislatively adopt the CDC's "voluntary" guidelines which request that health care workers involved in invasive procedures self-disclose their HIV status.

Ben Schatz, executive director of the Medical Expertise Retention Program, derides the CDC voluntary guidelines as "atrocious" and asserts there has not been a single documented case of doctor-to-patient transmission so far. "The whole concept is absurd. What these guidelines do is further the witch hunts by requiring the states to follow vague and dangerous guidelines put forward by the CDC. The effect is to potentially push malpractice insurers and liability lawyers to require broad-scale testing to protect themselves."

Under such circumstances, "voluntary testing" is a misnomer, says Dr. Robert Gorter, a physician at the SF General Hospital AIDS clinic. "If you support voluntary testing for certain procedures, that quickly becomes mandatory testing because of peer pressure—or the hospital will demand it... So even if the law says it is voluntary it will quickly become, in real practice, mandatory."

Targeting gay and lesbian health care workers is the thin edge of a wedge Helms and other reactionaries are using in an attempt to foist mandatory testing on the entire population. As usual, the most vulnerable and isolated groups are targeted first. Jones says the first people who were hung out to dry were the prostitutes, under Proposition 96; now it is HIV-infected health care workers. "A lot of people who work in the AIDS field were willing to concede around the prostitute issue. I believe it was a very serious mistake, so I am not surprised it is coming round again."

The dominoes are already starting to fall. Shapiro says she has heard health care workers muttering if they are forced into mandatory testing they will retaliate by demanding all their patients be tested too. If health care workers do not get organized to oppose mandatory testing both among and outside of their ranks, the repercussions will be disastrous. Shapiro warns it will get to the point where everyone gets tested. "Confidentiality will start to erode and hysteria will erode the ability to get anonymous or really confidential care."

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"Public education is critical here," says Jaime Cohen, assistant director of the SEIU's national health and safety department in Washington. "The public needs to be educated on what their right is to a health care workplace that practices good infection control procedure. They should go to the dentist and go through with a checklist of infection control... That is what the public should be educated about, not to go on a witch hunt to see if their dentist is HIV-positive, which sets up a real false sense of security."

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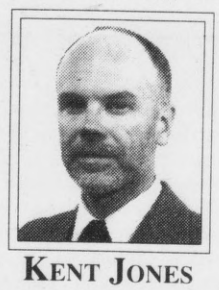

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Gay Marriage: Lead, Follow Or Get Out of the Way!

COMMENTARY BY CRAIG R. DEAN

My lover, Patrick Gill, and I filed for a marriage license with the District of Columbia. We did so because the Mayor of Washington, Sharon Pratt Dixon, said during her campaign that she favored legalizing same-sex marriage and that "society is a changing place and it [gay and lesbian marriage] is something we should accept." So, based upon her campaign promise, Patrick and I filed for a marriage license after Ms. Dixon was elected Mayor. Yet, the District government denied us the right to marry because we are a gay male couple.

As a result, we filed a lawsuit alleging a two-fold discrimination: (1) violation of the District's gender-neutral marriage law, and (2) violation of the District's Human Rights Act, which explicitly prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Human Rights Act mandates that "every individual shall have an equal opportunity to participate fully in the economic, cultural and intellectual life of the District and to have an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of life." The Act further states that the intent behind this legislation is to "end...discrimination [in the District of Columbia] for any reason... [including] sexual orientation."

What good are such gay rights laws in D.C., New York or anywhere else, if they are not used?

TAKING THE LEAD

The main reason that Patrick and I are demanding equality for gay and lesbian relationships is because it is the right thing to do. Otherwise, if we did not demand our rights, we would be agreeing with the dysfunctional fears of homophobes, who posit that homosexual relationships do not have the same quality and value as heterosexual relationships. Homophobes fear the day when states will legally recognize homosexual relationships. Unless we assert ourselves and fight for our right to marry, we will be giving into homophobia—perhaps even our own homophobia.

It has been tough. But, our love for each other gives us the strength to carry on this battle for what we know is just. We do not believe our love is of any less magnitude or importance than that of any other couple in a long-term, committed relationship. For that reason we want the legal recognition of our upcoming Holy Union ceremony which would be offered without question if one of us were female. We demand the same rights and benefits that are automatically bestowed upon heterosexual couples. These rights and benefits protect and reinforce relationships. Yet these rights are denied to us for only one reason—because we are queer!

Married couples have many significant rights that unmarried couples—even "domestic partners"—cannot have. For instance, married couples have the automatic right to be on each other's health, disability and life insurance policies, as well as to be on each other's pension plans. Married couples get special tax preferences for exemptions, deductions and refunds. As a matter of right, married couples are also able to own real and personal property jointly, and to protect that property from each other's creditors. Spouses automatically inherit property and have rights of survivorship. While for same-sex couples the *family* is the next of kin, for married couples, a *spouse* is the next of kin in case of death or medical emergencies, and spouses may therefore make important decisions for their partners. Last, and certainly not least in light of the AIDS crisis, a spouse can make financial decisions in the case of a partner's incapacity. Need we be reminded about the plight of Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski?

In the District of Columbia alone there are more than 100 *automatic* marriage-based rights. In D.C., heterosexuals can meet each other tonight in a bar, and have more rights through marriage within five days than Patrick and I are able to obtain after five years of being together. This is an *incredible* act of multiple-discrimination against lesbians and gays. It is outrageous, and we are doing something about it.

Craig R. Dean is a 27-year-old attorney practicing in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1989. Dean is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Marriage Rights Fund. He and his lover are suing the District of Columbia for the right to marry.

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Craig Dean (left) and Patrick Gill, on the steps of the D.C. courthouse, after filing their lawsuit suing for the right to marry.

FOLLOWING

Everyone cannot take the lead on every issue. It is gratifying that many have chosen to help us on the issue of same-sex marriage. We have received letters and expressions of support from thousands of lesbians and gays from all over the world. We were honored to be the Grand Marshals of Gay Pride parades from Baltimore to Hawaii. National groups such as the National Organization for Women, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Queer Nation, and many Washington, D.C., groups have expressed support for our case. The Human Rights Campaign Fund has written D.C.'s Mayor on our behalf, saying:

> The discrimination that thousands of lesbian and gay residents of the District experience is reinforced when the government of the District treats these lesbian and gay men differently from non-gay residents and denies them benefits, licenses and privileges based solely on orientation. There is no legal barrier; in fact, current District law requires no discrimination. Neither is there a policy barrier; the same policies that support civil marriage between men and women apply with the same force to same-sex couples. If two individuals desire to establish a union, which by law imposes certain responsibilities and creates certain benefits, the government and the society that it serves have the same interest in validating that union regardless of... sexual orientation.

We are fortunate that the mainstream media is following this issue, too. The media has shown an intense fascination with the gay marriage issue. There was a time when the news media would ignore gay issues. But in the wake of the massive AIDS coverage during the past few years, now the media seems ready to cover other, more positive gay issues.

Enter the gay marriage proposal. As far as Pat and I can tell, coverage of our fight represents the first time the media has been willing to consistently portray a gay issue in a positive manner to so broad an audience. It is difficult to know how many millions we have reached, but by adding the estimated viewership of our television appearances alone, the number of viewers is as high as 50 million. We have appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, twice on Donahue, CBS Morning News, CBS Nightwatch, Fox Morning News, CNN, and various local TV and radio news and talk shows around the country. In addition, because the Associated Press is following our story, hundreds of newspaper articles have been written on same-sex marriage.

People of color gained momentum for their civil rights movement when television brought their plight into American homes. Similarly, our movement stands to gain momentum from the coverage given to us by the mainstream media. Furthermore, because marriage is a common element of society to which all people can relate, gay marriage has the potential to build a broader coalition for the gay civil rights movement.

Indeed, the response of straight America has been overwhelming. I believe that we are seeing a tremendous shift in the public's perception of lesbians and gays. We have even made inroads into Hollywood—sitcoms such as the Golden Girls have run strongly supportive shows on the issue of same-sex marriage. Who knows—as the Golden Girls go, so goes America!

GETTING OUT OF THE WAY

Yet, in the face of this tremendous showing of support, a few have chosen to publicly criticize us. We have been castigated by the religious right as well as by some gay legal beagles—strange bedfellows indeed.

Criticism leveled against us by our "brethren" in the legal profession goes something like this: *Whether we win or lose*, we did the wrong thing by filing this suit. If we lose, they say we will set bad precedent. This is patently absurd; how much worse can it get? There is no state in the country where same-sex couples can get married. On the other hand, these self-appointed gay legal czars warn us from their armchairs that, if we win, the homophobes in Congress will descend on the entire gay movement and do away with the 15-year-old D.C. Human Rights Act (as if they had not already had the chance in the past 15 years).

My main response to these criticisms and their ilk is simple: The homophobes would just *love* it if gays would be cowed "into their place" by fear of what a few bigots in Congress may or may not do. I have always thought that gays and lesbians should stand up and fight for their rights. And when we get to the point where Congress must decide whether or not to intervene, then we will have already achieved a huge legal and perceptual victory.

Let us set the record "straight." If a same-sex marriage case is winable anywhere, it is winable in Washington, D.C. We went to court for our first hearing July 12, 1991. We are still in litigation, as the judge has requested supplemental briefs to be submitted by October 1, 1991. Contrary to some of the misinformation going around, our case is not in federal court; it is in the local D.C. court system, which is probably the most gay-positive jurisdiction in the country. Unlike prior same-sex marriage cases brought 20 years ago, our case is the first one to arise in a jurisdiction that explicitly prohibits discrimination against gays and lesbians in all aspects of life. The D.C. courts have interpreted the Human Rights Act in ways that strengthen and broaden it. In a recent case involving Georgetown University, gay and lesbian students won university recognition of their group which Georgetown initially had denied. In that case, the D.C. Court of Appeals held that the "eradication of sexual orientation discrimination is a compelling governmental interest." The court elevated anti-gay discrimination to the same level as racism and sexism, holding all three types of discrimination to be equally repugnant to society. Also, the court found similar to our own arguments, that the students could not be denied tangential benefits based on their sexual orientation no matter how unpalatable it was to the university, which was (and is) a Catholic institution.

Furthermore, the D.C. marriage code contains no prohibitions to same-sex marriages. The only marriages which are prohibited by D.C. law are those which would be incestuous or polygamous. The D.C. code is gender-neutral. Nowhere does District law state that a married couple must be a man and a woman, or may not be of the same sex.

In light of the strong legal foundation of our case in favorable case law—D.C. statutes and policy—the nation's capitol may actually be the *best* jurisdiction to bring a case of this type. The precedent that we set can be used to pave the way for same-sex marriage in other states. No matter what Congress does, they do not have the power to change D.C. court decisions. They have oversight only over D.C. legislation. As well, marriage is an area whose regulation is reserved to the states. There is no federal marriage law. Each individual state has the power to determine who is married within that state.

As for whether gays or lesbians should seek marriage at all, some critics say that homosexuals should not mimic heterosexual lifestyles. This argument is dangerous because it tends to buy into homophobic fears that gays and lesbians should not be married lest it make a farce of the marital institution. The issue is not whether all gays and lesbians should get married; the issue is whether homosexuals should have the same choices available to them as heterosexuals have, and the ability of gays and lesbians to determine their own family structure. It is like the issue of gays serving in the military. Whether gays or lesbians should serve the U.S. military industrial complex is considered a legitimate point of debate. However, no one in the gay community seriously argues that gays should be denied the *option* of joining. It is the option, the *choice*, that counts. Marriage has traditionally been an attractive option for people because it provides stability and promotes societal responsibility. Same-sex marriage would most likely increase desegregation, tolerance and acceptance of the gay and lesbian community.

We demand full and immediate equality now. Anything less is unacceptable. If you agree with us, help take the lead or try to follow. If you disagree, please do not stand in the way. Some have said that gay marriage is merely a short cut to equal rights. For us, the real short cut is to give in to homophobia and give up without a fight.

A nonprofit corporation, the Equal Marriage Rights Fund, is funding Craig and Patrick's legal battle. EMRF is also a national clearinghouse for Gay and Lesbian marriage rights information. If you would like to support equality of choice for same-sex couples, or wish more information, please write to: Equal Marriage Rights Fund, P.O. Box 18707, 2001 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Florida Lesbian Charged in Serial Killings

BY VICTORIA A. BROWNWORTH

They're called Amazons: prostitutes who work interstate highways turning tricks out of cars and trucks.

Aileen "Lee" Wuornos, 34, had been an Amazon since she was 15. Now she's being called a serial killer—a female Jeffrey Dahmer.

In January, Wuornos was arrested and charged in the murders of five men—there are four additional charges pending; the first victim was found December 13, 1989, the last in December 1990. The murders occurred along the interstate highways that run through the Florida panhandle—tiny towns and small cities of the Deep South where truckers and traveling salesmen tool the highways—working, where Wuornos also worked—and allegedly killed.

Wuornos was arrested in Ocala County, Florida. Her first trial date is set for September 9. Police suggest she will be convicted and sentenced by Christmas—just two years after the body of her first alleged victim was found.

In a nation where serial murders are almost solely committed by straight, white men whose victims are women, the cases of Jeffrey Dahmer and Lee Wuornos have made headlines. Dahmer is considered one of the most brutal serial murderers since Ted Bundy, and because his victims were young men and boys, homophobia has played a large role in the media coverage of Dahmer. Wuornos is a lesbian and is alleged to have committed her murders with her lover, Tyria Moore. Reports about Wuornos have referred to her as a lesbian man-hater. In accounts about her, homophobia has been compounded by sexism. Her case—not the first serial killing by a woman but the first reportedly by a lesbian—has focused on her hardness, her hatred and her brutality against men.

Wuornos has become news, fuel for the Florida tabloids. It has brought her notoriety in the form of interviews and a possible movie deal. It has gotten her a new attorney instead of a public defender, but few believe it will get her justice.

Kevin Berrill is director of the Anti-Violence Project at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Berrill is "appalled" by the reporting of the Wuornos case, particularly the comparisons to Dahmer.

"You'd be hard pressed to find a case more different from Dahmer's than this one," says Berrill. "Look at the woman's history, look at who she is alleged to have murdered, look at her life. There's simply no comparison. This may be a case of multiple homicides, but it is nothing like the profile of a serial killer. And her lesbianism is merely being used by the media to make a statement about lesbians hating men enough to kill them. And yet Wuornos, herself, makes it clear that her lesbianism had absolutely nothing to do with these murders."

Wuornos appears to have already been judged and convicted by the Florida authorities handling the case. Said one police officer, "There's no question she's guilty. That she killed these guys and that she had fun doing it. She makes no bones about the fact she hates men. That she did this for her girlfriend. And that she'd do it again."

But according to other sources—including Wuornos' newfound friend Arlene Pralle—Wuornos is the victim, and it is her lifetime of victimization that has led to her incarceration.

Wuornos was abandoned by alcoholic parents and left in the care of her alcoholic grandparents. She has said her grandfather sexually assaulted her and forced her into a sexual relationship with her brother, Keith. Both her father and stepfather committed suicide. Her father killed himself in prison after having been convicted of raping a seven-year-old and being accused of murdering another child.

Wuornos has told Pralle, a born-again Christian who has, by her own admission, "become obsessed with Lee," that she spent her teenage years doing drugs, getting beaten and being raped. She left home in her early teens after her grandmother's death and got pregnant soon after. She gave birth in a home for unwed mothers; her son was given up for adoption when she was 14—she never even saw him.

For the most part, Wuornos has lived as a prostitute. A native of Michigan, she tricked her way along the highways that led her to Florida where she met Moore, a woman she called her wife, the love of her life, and her sole reason for every action she took in the four years they were together. Moore is now the chief witness against Wuornos and was instrumental in extracting confessions from her. Moore has not been charged in any of the murders.

Wuornos has always been an angry woman, but only became violent in the last years, according to a variety of sources including local newspapers in Ocala and Marion counties, Pralle, and others. (Tricia Jenkins, the public defender handling Wuornos' case in Ocala, refused to comment on Wuornos or the case.) Pralle, who told a writer for *Vanity Fair*, "I am the one person Lee's bonded with in her life, and without me she'd have nothing," believes it was Wuornos' desire to provide for Moore that led to the murders—compounded by the extremes of abuse Wuornos had experienced.

Pralle would say that the events that led to Wuornos' arrest began the day her parents handed her and her brother, Keith, over to their grandparents. But the alleged events began in earnest Thanksgiving 1989 when Wuornos bought a small .22 pistol to protect herself as she did her Amazon work along the Interstate. Wuornos told police she had been raped at least 12 times, and that many men would have sex with her and then refuse to pay her, although she never charged more than $30 for her sex work. Wuornos stated that once she had the gun, if a man tried to beat her, rape her or refuse to pay her, she would kill him. Eleven men remain dead or missing. Wuornos is charged with five of those murders, but others may be attributed to her in the coming months, according to police.

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Aileen Wuornos (above) as she appeared at the time of her arrest; and several weeks later, confering with her defense team (top).

It was December 13, 1989, when Richard Mallory's body was discovered in a wooded area near the Interstate in Daytona Beach, Florida. Mallory, 51, had been missing for two weeks. His Cadillac had been found 12 days before his body.

Other bodies began to appear within a five-county range. There was David Spears, 43, who worked in a concrete company in Sarasota. Dick Humphreys, 56, was a former police chief from Alabama. Peter Seims, 65, was a missionary. His body has never been found, but it was his car that led to Wuornos' arrest.

On July 4, 1990, two women were in an accident in the Pontiac Sunbird. They crashed the car into a gate and then left it at the scene. Three months later police had compiled enough evidence to suggest that two women were committing the murders.

Sergeant Bruce Munster, in the county sheriff's office in Marion, has been investigating the murders from the beginning. Munster credits the media in helping to find Wuornos and Moore.

"It was important that we warn people that these very dangerous women were out there," said Munster. "Hitchhikers, women who seemed to be stranded on the roadside. They could be killers. And we wanted to warn people about that."

The warnings came, according to police, because of certain evidence found at the murder sites. Condoms were found on the seats of victims' cars, yet all had been known to be traveling alone along the Interstate. Police feared that more men would pick up women for sex and find murder instead.

WOMEN WHO KILL

There has never been a case like Wuornos'. In this case, everything known about women who kill has been upended by the media representation of the murders and Wuornos herself. According to Anne Jones and other experts on women who kill, women rarely kill strangers except in self-defense. And the majority of murders committed by women are considered, by the women themselves, to be self-defense—to escape being murdered themselves, or raped, or repeatedly battered. Wuornos has claimed self-defense in each case, but police are charging murder in the first degree.

Another difference in Wuornos' case is the alleged "serial" aspect of the murders. Although she is charged with "only" five killings, police accounts have termed her the nation's most brutal female mass murderer. Other women serial killers have all fit a specific pattern in the murders attributed to them. There are fewer than 10 recorded female serial killers—less than five percent of the total since 1977—almost all have been nurses or workers in nursing homes or other care facilities. Motives have ranged from mercy killing to money, but none have been termed "brutal" and few have made the front pages nationally like Wuornos' case has.

"Women who have been in battering or other abusive situations often respond like soldiers in combat," said Roberta L. Hacker, executive director of Women in Transition, the nation's oldest continuing service for abused women. "It is possible for women to reach a point where they feel they can only escape a violent situation by becoming violent themselves—like when battered women kill their batterers. It is always much more

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newsworthy when women kill their male abusers than when men kill women, because male violence against women is the standard in our society and women defending themselves or fighting back is not.'' Hacker and other experts in the field acknowledge that ''battered women's syndrome'' has become a regular defense in trials of women charged with killing their batterers. There is no indication that this defense will be used in Wuornos' case, but Raymond Cass, Wuornos' first public defender, said she suffered from the syndrome.

But comments from the police investigators indicate that such attempts would be met angrily from their side. Said one Ocala County investigator who declined to be named, ''We had a lot of guys murdered here. These guys were family men, married, with homes and jobs. This girl hates men—she said it in her statement; I don't think there's any question that we'll be looking for the death penalty here. She says she was raped, she says she was abused, she says all these things happened to her. But what we know happened is that she shot these guys in cold blood, she planned it, and then she took their cars and went joyriding with her girlfriend...That's not the profile of someone who was scared and only saw one way out. That's someone who kills and likes it.''

Pralle disagrees. She has spent thousands of dollars telephoning Wuornos daily since February. Although married for 16 years to her childhood sweetheart, Pralle terms Wuornos the person she loves most in life and was quoted in the *Vanity Fair* article as saying, ''I love her...Lee has become my life...It's as though part of me is trapped in that jail with her. We always know what the other is thinking and feeling. I just wish I was Houdini—I would get her out of there. If there was a way, I would do it, and we could go and be vagabonds forever.'' Pralle believes that Wuornos is a good woman, not a murderer, and even offered to mortgage her farm to pay for two lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to take Wuornos' case. Pralle calls her relationship with Wuornos, ''not sexual perversion but soul-binding.''

Others, like Berrill, believe that Wuornos' lesbianism is being used to convict her in the press before she ever reaches trial. ''It is clear from the press accounts in this case that the media is literally stoking homophobia about this woman—and coming as it does on the heels of the Dahmer case it is definitely something that we have to look at and be concerned about,'' says Berrill. ''It is definitely inappropriate for the media to be citing Wuornos' lesbianism in any way in this case. And if they are going to compare her to Dahmer and write extensively about her now, even though she was arrested back in January, then they need to be doing the same thing with the hundred or so other serial killers who have been arrested. Serial murder is not the purview of gay men and lesbians. But this case is being approached as if that were the truth.''

One of the complicating factors in the Wuornos case is Moore, who has become the state's chief witness. Wuornos adored Moore and has told police and others that her lover was her whole life. According to Wuornos, it was Moore's desire for clothes, cars and other material things that forced Wuornos to prostitute herself so heavily, turning as many as 20 tricks a day to provide for the two of them. Moore rarely worked, though she occasionally took jobs as a maid. But since they had met at a lesbian bar in Daytona four years before the murders began, Moore had never held a full-time job. And before she met Wuornos, she had always been dependent on others.

According to Wuornos' early statements to police, Moore was fully aware of the murders from the beginning, although police would release no information on whether or not she had participated in any of the killings. Wuornos told one friend that Moore ''made me do these things...People think that she is quiet, that she is shy. She is not shy.''

News accounts in Florida and around the country now portray Moore as another of Wuornos' victims; some have even suggested that Moore's lesbianism was forced by Wuornos. Berrill and other gay advocates see this as part of the ''evil lesbian'' portrayal of Wuornos. Phyllis Murphy, co-chair of the Florida chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) was quoted in the *Advocate* at the time of Wuornos' arrest as saying just that. ''The media has focused in on and sensationalized her lesbianism rather than her abusive childhood. There are a lot of abused children who grow up to do violence, both homosexual and heterosexual. The prosecutors are playing up her hatred of men.''

Those same prosecutors are also playing down the role of the victims in their own demise. Munster stresses the innocence of the victims, but all are presumed to have engaged in sexual acts with Wuornos. Wuornos alleges she killed them because they sexually abused her and has repeatedly claimed self-defense in the killings. And even the wife of the first victim, Mallory, has been quoted in a series of newspaper accounts as saying her husband was frequently violent. Linda Mallory described her husband as ''unpredictable and sometimes threatening. He was so sweet—and 10 minutes later he would scare the heck out of you. But if he saw a woman in distress, he would stop and help her.'' There were condoms found on the floor of Mallory's abandoned car.

Nine months after Wuornos' arrest, with her first trial set to start momentarily, much remains unclear about the nature of the murders and how they were committed. Most of the killings involved only one or two shots at close range. But one victim was shot seven times. Wuornos said she shot him to put him out of his misery because he had hurt her and would surely hurt someone else. Did Wuornos feel she was forced to commit the murders because of rapes, sexual battery or other violence perpetrated against her? Or did she, as her former attorney Cass suggests, suffer from the kind of battle fatigue known as post traumatic stress disorder common to both soldiers in combat and to women who have been constant victims of abuse? Cass calls Wuornos a ''genuine object of pity,'' but most others who knew her recall her as an angry, troubled woman who had been repeatedly abused by others and lashed out because of it.

Vanity Fair called Wuornos' story a retelling of *Thelma & Louise*, but there is little comparison, save in the opportunity for justice open to Wuornos. Florida is one of three states leading the nation in the number of prisoners on Death Row and executions performed since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized capital punishment in 1976. An investigator in Ocala County said the state would urge the death penalty for Wuornos because ''she went on such a killing spree. This was certainly no crime of the moment.''

Presently, except for the unflagging love and support of Pralle, there have been no drives to raise money for Wuornos' defense in either the gay and lesbian community or among feminist groups. Said one member of the National Organization of Women, ''It isn't exactly the kind of thing we would get involved in, even though she clearly was abused. We tend to focus on cases of wife battering or sexual battery or child molestation.''

In the meantime, Wuornos waits in Florida for her September trial to begin, sharing letters and calls with Pralle, nursing her pain over Moore, and almost certainly wondering how long it will be before she is sent to the electric chair for the murders she says she committed to save herself.

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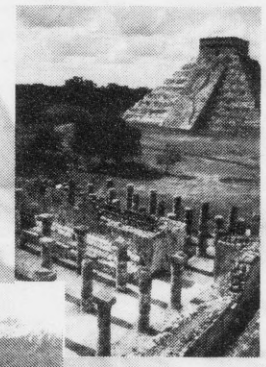

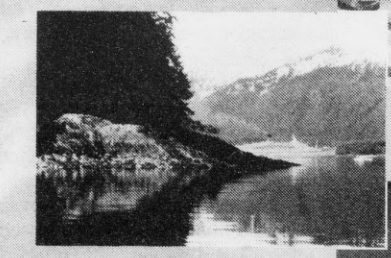

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Protocol or Poison: AIDS Clinical Trial Group Accused of Squandering Precious Research Funds

BY TIM KINGSTON

For a growing number of AIDS activists around the country, ACTG 175—a drug protocol designed to compare combination therapies of AZT, ddI and ddC against single-agent therapies—is very simply the biggest, baddest, hungriest 500 lb. gorilla they have had to deal with yet.

"The fundamental question is the resources," declares Martin Delaney, executive director of Project Inform. "The ACTG's annual budget is only $48 million, but the cost of this single study is $15 million—so you are talking about a major part of the ACTG budget being tied up in evaluating a bunch of second-rate therapies. Science cannot move forward quickly with this kind of thinking."

ACTG 175 is a four-arm study that will compare the effectiveness of using: (1) just AZT, (2) just ddI, (3) AZT and ddI together, and (4) AZT and ddC. Enrollment of the study's 2,600 participants is expected to begin in October or November at AIDS Clinical Trial Group (ACTG) centers around the country—including SF General Hospital. ACTG 175 is expected to run for at least two and possibly up to four years from enrollment to final analysis of the data.

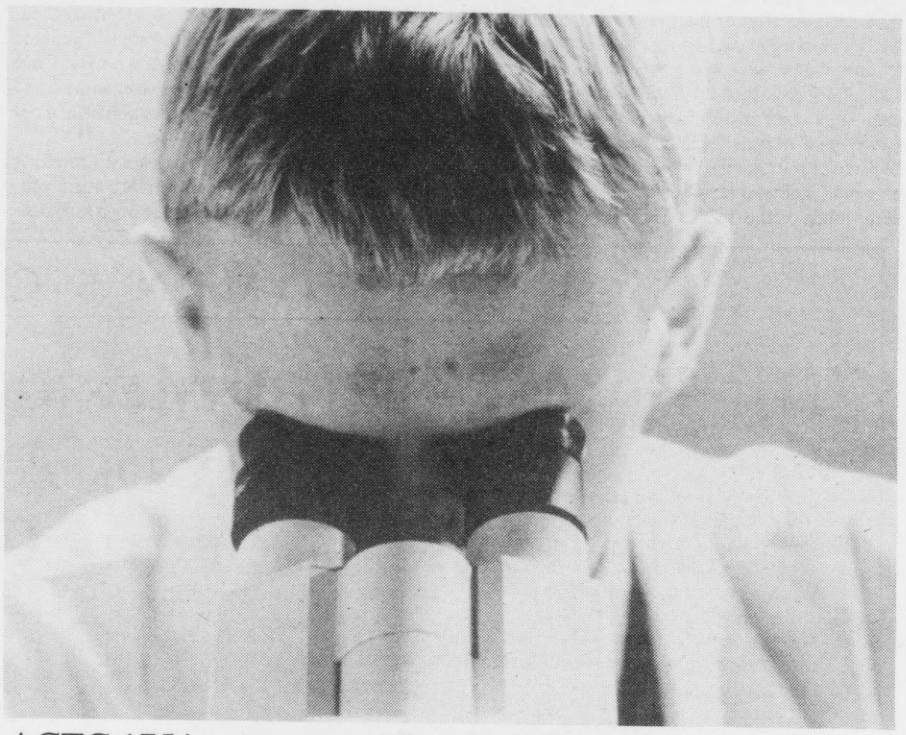
According to critics in Golden Gate, New York and Boston ACT UPs and Project Inform, ACTG 175 will absorb fully two-thirds of the patient capacity of the ACTG system. They also charge ACTG 175 will soak up between 20 to 60 percent of the system's total fiscal resources, preventing other needed studies from being undertaken. Derek Link, a member of ACT UP/New York's treatment and data committee, suspects the huge trial will be detrimental to HIV treatment studies focusing on neurology, women and pediatric AIDS.

Michael Wright, a member of the community advisory board to San Francisco's ACTG unit, believes the $15 million price tag is an underestimate of trial costs, because it does not include an estimated $3 million in laboratory work, nor the expenditures involved in screening patients for the trial. One prominent source within the ACTG system, who requested anonymity, charges, "If we spend that kind of money on this one trial, we are not going to have the resources to do promising opportunistic trials."

Dr. David Katzenstein, the co-chair of ACTG 175 at Stanford, disagrees with those figures. He believes expenditures for ACTG 175 will be roughly equivalent to the $9 million it would cost the 2,600 participants if they went out and purchased AZT on their own. But, he says, ACTG 175 has the advantage that it is an experimental study that may actually prove combination therapy's efficacy over AZT monotherapy.

Michael Ravitch of ACT UP/Golden Gate's treatment issues committee, however, calls ACTG 175 a "protocol from hell" and charges it will preempt research on second generation HIV treatments and opportunistic infections. He says, "People with HIV feel that stopping this trial is a matter of life and death." Ravitch argues the study is focused on ddI and ddC, drugs that he terms mediocre and highly toxic, and both of which will soon be available. "This means you will not be able to get experimental drugs from the ACTG until 1995."

Dr. Douglas Richmond, a major advocate of ACTG 175, member of the ACTG's primary infection committee and professor of pathology at the University of California/San Diego, retorts that the study will not affect the distribution of resources within the ACTG system. "That was very carefully looked at and discussed. We are confident there will be no sacrifice of phase one and two studies." He argues there are only a half a dozen new drugs that appear at all promising in the near future anyway. When new drugs come on line, Dr. Richmond says, they will be studied as "quickly and deliberately" as possible without compromising ACTG resources.



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ACTG 175: ESSENTIAL OR IRRELEVANT?

According to critics of the protocol, ACTG 175 will be obsolete by the time the protocol is analyzed. Wright states, "I expect within the year our experience in the community will tell us if combination therapy is better than monotherapy."

Terry Beswick, Project Inform's information and education director, asserts there is already a virtual consensus among activists and many researchers that combination therapy is more effective. "It would be nice to have statistically significant information on every question, but we don't have that many resources to devote to a study this simple," says Beswick.

Dr. Katzenstein disagrees and stresses a wide gulf exists between believing combination therapy is effective and proving it. To assertions that ACTG 175 will be obsolete before its term is concluded, he responds, "That charge is predicated on an *assumption* that combination drugs are better than single agents, but we don't know that and it has not been demonstrated in any study, much less in a study in early infection."

For other activists, ACTG 175 does not go far enough in addressing issues of dosing combinations or drug regimes. Link says, "Everyone with HIV would like to know if some combination [of therapies] would be better than AZT. This is not the study that will answer that question. This will only analyze if some combination is better than monotherapy: it is not telling us which combination [AZT/ddI or AZT/ddC] is better. So in terms of standard of care, ACTG 175 is only giving us a very vague idea of which is better."

Ironically, some critics say that ACTG 175 has too small a range to be statistically significant. The ACTG source requesting anonymity said that the trial should have included people with T-cell counts below 200 so that those entering the study from two large AZT trials—019 and 016—now ending, who have low T-cell counts, could be included, and so that the drugs' effects on surrogate markers such as T cells could be compared to clinical results.

Wright says people with low T-cells feel they have been hung out to dry, because they are not eligible for the study. "People with under 200 T-cells like me are dead meat," says Wright. "That is unacceptable."

Both allegations are rejected by Dr. Richmond. He argues that statisticians at the Harvard Statistical Unit participated in discussions about ACTG 175's ability to determine if AZT/ddI or AZT/ddC is more effective, before the protocol was approved this spring. He also rejects claims that those with low T-cell counts are being abandoned, and points to protocol 155—an AZT/ddC combination trial that includes approximately 1,000 participants with T-cell counts less than 200. Besides, he feels the activist's concerns were addressed in the ACTG's original study reviews which included input from community representatives. (According to Delaney, his input consisted of voting against approving the trial.)

ACTG RESPONDS TO CRITIQUE

Many researchers in the ACTG system remain skeptical about ACTG 175's design and efficacy. According to informed sources, a full session of the ACTG's executive committee will discuss the pros and cons of the protocol in early September.

As a result of the controversy, Dr. Bill Powderly, chair of the St. Louis Washington University ACTG, is overseeing an internal ACTG efficacy review of ACTG 175, and he says estimates of the study's cost range from $9-$20 million. "Part of it is a problem in determining exactly what the study will do and what additional tests will be done. Without further information, it is very difficult to determine how much of the ACTG's resources it will consume."

Dr. Scott Hammer, director of the research virology laboratory at the New England Deaconess Hospital and a co-chair of ACTG 175, told *SF Bay Times* that the ACTG is drafting a letter to address the criticisms. He says that will be released early this month.

In addition to the scientific rationale, Dr. Hammer says the ACTG will offer two pragmatic reasons that justify ACTG 175. First, he suggests ACTG 175 may supply the evidence necessary to undermine insurance companies' and other third party payer's resistance to funding combination therapies. Second, he asserts that the study will provide a place for participants in the large AZT trials—016 and 019—to go to when those trials close down.

"That is wrong," asserts Dr. Richmond, when asked if the closure of 016 and 019 was a motivation for ACTG 175. He says the decision to open the protocol was made in February or March, while the decision to close 016 and 019 did not take place until April or May. "That was not the motivation for the study at all."

LURKING SUSPICIONS: ACTG OLD BOY NETWORK?

Aggravated patient advocates suspect that more primal motivations than scientific inquiry have driven the development of ACTG 175: money and power. The critics charge that the protocol was ramrodded through the ACTG process to ensure the fiscal integrity of ACTG sites.

Beswick argues, "The bottom line is that [ACTG 175] will be very easy to recruit for—as soon as they get full enrollment they are going to get paid on a per-patient basis for two years." He noted acidly it is a lot easier to enroll patients in one big protocol than several small phase one and two studies—and 2,600 patients makes ACTG 175 a very lucrative protocol. Beswick argues recruitment should also be easy because combination therapy is widely regarded as the best form of therapy available—thus patients will leap at the opportunity.

Other critics charge that the issue is simply who controls the future agenda of AIDS research. Wright believes ACTG 175 is a way for the ACTG's primary infection committee to maintain control of the research agenda at the expense of other committees within the ACTG such as immunology, neurology and opportunistic infections.

The well-placed ACTG source agrees, "This continues to reflect the stranglehold that the primary infection committee has over the ACTG." That scientist says ACTG 175 was adopted with little discussion from patients, patient advocates, nurses, or others likely to be affected, and adds vehemently, "That we could do something like this without a major discussion is very indicative of the problems in the ACTG.... Instead this has been done strictly within the old boy network."

Dr. Richmond flatly denies that an old boys' network made the decision. He says the primary infection committee approved the protocol in consultation with the chairs of all the affected ACTG committees and that community activists were involved in those decisions. "There was consensus without any strong dissent or openly expressed dissent by any participants, including the OI committee members."

Delaney replies that the trial is a very simple way for the ACTG to continue to control and monitor the thousands of patients now on protocols 016 and 019, rather than allowing them to wander off to community-based trials when those trials close. Still, he argues the trial should not be abandoned—largely because ACTG 175 includes an intense examination of the efficacy of surrogate markers in HIV disease he says cannot be garnered in community-based trials.

Delaney says the best solution is for ACTG 175 to be quietly shelved and then quietly resurrected. "Nothing has happened with 175 yet, except a protocol document has been tossed around. It might be politically smart to change the name. That way everyone wins—we get our victory, but keep what is good about the study." He adds, "But do it quickly. There is no reason for it to take many months."

Turning No Hearts, OR's Week of Action Fizzles

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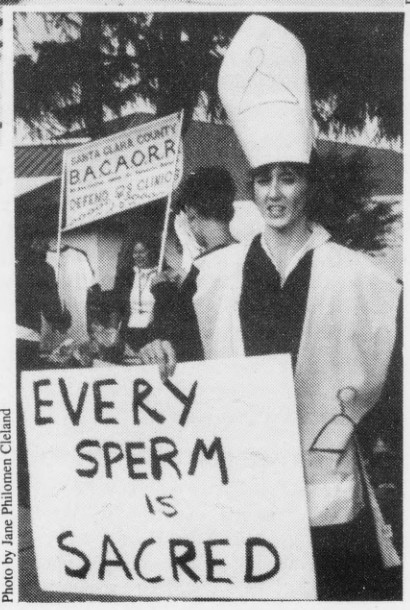

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Outside a Fremont church used as headquarters for anti-abortionists, Queer Nation provided a graphic demonstration of what will befall many women if Roe v. Wade is overturned; while other demonstrators admonished us to make every sperm count.

BY TIM KINGSTON

"It just seemed so pathetic to me the whole way through," says Jennifer Ohno, a Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR) activist, of the "victory" rally held by Operation Rescue on August 24 following a week of action by anti-abortion forces throughout California and the Bay Area. Only 40 to 70 anti-abortion protesters showed up outside the Women's Community Clinic in San Jose, as opposed to the hundreds that used to show up. They were met by over 150 determined pro-choice demonstrators. The line-up was a stark contrast to the massive anti-abortion protests in Wichita.

"Their rally was in line with the rest of the week, a failure overall because they did not turn out the numbers they said they would," says Laura Weide, of BACORR. "They even canceled their march altogether, their numbers were so measly. Not only did we have a lot of numbers, there was a wide range of pro-choice people. They did not want to give us the photo opportunity of them marching through San Jose with a whole lot of pro-choice people around them."

The San Jose rally was supposed to be the grand finale to California Coalition for Life's (CCL) "Turn the Hearts" prayer campaign—dubbed "They Turn Our Stomachs" by BACORR—that ran between August 17 and 24. The campaign was sponsored by CCL which is the progeny of Operation Rescue, the Traditional Values Coalition, Eagle Forum, Concerned Women of America and over 80 other allied church, evangelical and conservative political groups. It was an effort to breathe new life into the sputtering anti-abortion movement in California, by linking the anti-abortion campaign with a variety of conservative groups that have been disdainful of Operation Rescue's hardball tactics in the past. So instead of blockades, prayer vigils were to be the order of the day in an effort to encourage the more faint-hearted anti-abortion protesters who did not want to risk arrest out on the street.

But, at least in the Bay Area, that is not what happened. From Santa Rosa to Salinas, San Francisco to Concord, BACORR was ready to fling 500 to 600 clinic escorts into action at 20 threatened clinics. While pro-abortion activists readied themselves for massive confrontations, the maximum number of protesters Operation Rescue could muster at any one site per day was 30. But, in general, the anti-abortion forces only managed to put 3 to 15 protesters in front of the clinics; often there were none.

Sue Finn, media director of CCL, refuses to see the week as a failure. "Our goal was not a numbers game with the pro-aborts, but to be at every one of those [abortion] mills where every day they were killing children." She says 90 women saved their babies—i.e., were turned away from clinics—and Operation Rescue is "helping them with whatever they need."

Finn says the real success and goal of the CCL week of action is the start of a statewide network of churches and activists to stir up "Christians" to be active in praying and sidewalk "counseling" of women trying to enter women's clinics. "We are setting up a program so that abortion mills will not be able to kill children without some sort of prayerful resistance out front."

Sara Diamond, author of *Spiritual Warfare: The Politics of the Christian Right*, says, "In terms of a larger right wing strategy, the idea is having abortion as the spearhead of a massive political organizing campaign that will help organize right-wingers across the board." She says there is already a fight going on in the California Republican party over whether or not Gov. Wilson is "soft" on abortion. The anti-abortion forces strategy is to make abortion federally illegal so it becomes a state-by-state issue, and Diamond says that is where local organizing and networks like the CCL are important.

Even so, the anti-abortion forces were decisively stymied. Weide stresses it was not just that Operation Rescue could not get the bodies out, it was the organizing and resistance of pro-choice activists over the past few years that did the trick too. "A lot of people came out to the clinics for the past two years, so that what happened in Wichita could not happen here," says Weide.

And it is not just the pro-choice organizers that did it either. At the CCL kick-off rally on August 17, over 300 pro-choice activists—gay, straight, urban, suburban, women and men from all across the spectrum—showed up to protest Operation Rescue on a *Saturday* night in *Fremont*. Even more encouraging was the near constant blare of horns, responding to the "Honk if you support abortion" signs. Best of all were the two huge semi-rigs that thundered by, their air-horns blasting in support of a woman's right to choose.

Leather 12-Step Round-Up Opens Leather Pride Week

Leatherfolk in various 12-step programs will be convening the weekend of Sept. 14-15 at the L/SM Round-Up. This first ever leather round-up will be held at Everett Middle School on Church St. between 16th and 17th. "Leather-oriented AA meetings started in San Francisco about two years ago," explained one of the organizers, "and subjects have been coming up that are hard to share at regular AA or Al Anon meetings. This gives us a chance to explore those issues in depth."

A lot of the workshop topics focus on such issues as incest survival, uncertainty about roles, drawing lines between fantasy and reality.

Because of the focus on leather and S/M, a lot of outreach has been done in the various leather magazines and newsletters. Since this is a conference of many 12-step programs and not one specific program, outreach within Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and other "anonymous" programs has been problematic. "This kind of skews our outreach and some of the responses have been from people who aren't clear on the concept. We really need to stress that this is a conference for AAs, NAs, SLAs, Al Anons, and others in the Anonymous programs. It doesn't matter if they're oldtimers or newcomers, but the point is that participants should be working a recovery program."

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THE WRITE STUFF

BY DAVE FORD

Jeffrey, Put Away Those Bones and Come In To Dinner!

Ah, September: back-to-school jitters, seriously summery SF weather—and a nostalgic reminiscence over summer's fast-fading follies.

MORSE CODE: FUCK QUEERS, BECAUSE I HATE THEM

Follies like the precipitous ideological decline of fast-fading, five-a-week *Ex* columnist Rob Morse. Is the former Palo Alto *Times* reporter's current bitterness due to his six years in Herb Caen's half-century shadow? Or the recent Morse divorce? His move to the yuppie-centric Marina? Whatever, the once gay-friendly scribe lately has been bullying fringe queers with suspiciously unrelenting fervor.

He warmed up last winter by blasting "ACT UP types" at antiwar demos. He hit stride just before summer's Les/Gay Parade, lamely joking on June 11 that "this Bad Cop/No Donut bunch seems to have its eye on the hole, not the doughnut." On June 27, he stentoriously intoned that potential Parade demos "should be unthinkable, especially by gays at their own parade." Wait: Who died and appointed *him* Miss Manners?

Morse's condescension is tiresome; his journalistic shoddiness is unforgivable. Any cub reporter knows that if you quote the new police chief (Willis Casey) calling a queer activist (Gerard Koskovich) "an obnoxious troublemaker"—as Morse did June 27—you then call said activist for a quote. Morse didn't—so I did. "It'd be nice if Morse would let me talk," Koskovich said. "But it's fine with me if he wants to allow the objects of my activist ire—like Willis Casey and Frank Jordan—to make fools of themselves in his column. Being denounced by Rob Morse is the ultimate badge of credibility."

Indeed, fairness is foreign to the well-fed Morse's increasingly self-loathing and curiously body-phobic universe. A July 2 post-Parade wrap-up: "Sorry, but guys who haven't done a push-up in 20 years shouldn't get their nipples pierced. The ring just accentuates the droop of the chest. And guys with cellulite shouldn't wear those grotty leather chaps with butt windows. Flashing flesh is one thing, flashing ugly flesh is quite another. Next year let's have some buff monitors out there making sure exhibitionists have something to exhibit."

Morse's baiting reached fever pitch the next week. On July 2 he wrote that BC/ND "managed to bore half a million people.... Great tactics, *kids*." (My ital.) The next day he tendentiously asserted that "political discourse in this, the most beautiful and supposedly tolerant city in America, has been reduced to an ugliness we like to think happens only in redneck country...." He wrote that a young Parade-goer toting a "Frank Jordan, Queer Basher" sign displayed "the modern affectation of cheap cynicism, the kind that unjustly bashes all cops, politicians and other public servants—and keeps people from voting or volunteering on campaigns, where they actually can do something positive for their city." He added that political stickers "make democracy feel dirty."

That's a laugh, coming from a burn-out whose work only has one consistent quality: cheap cynicism. It's one thing for queers to critique each others' politics, or even each others' bodies. It's something else for a "straight" daily columnist who reaches 150,000 mostly non-gay readers to simplistically, ritualistically and sloppily trash gays and lesbians—especially activists who, in the grand tradition of lefty San Francisco politics, are actually doing something positive for their city. It's sophomoric cowards like Morse who "make democracy feel dirty." The man is heinous *maximus*.

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HE'S GOT THE WHOLE, WORLD, IN HIS VAT

More fabulous follies: early news of Jeffrey L. Dahmer's prodigious killing spree provided subversively gruesome jokes. ("How do you get ahead in Milwaukee? Open the refrigerator.") But the glee passed as facts surfaced: some victims were children, and most were African American.

Prodigious press coverage included the usual conflicting early reports, followed by street interviews and hair-pulling "Dahmer is us" columns. The mainstream media hypocritically reveled in Dahmer's "immorality"; mere months before, they'd covered an equally hideous murder spree—the Persian Gulf War—as being morally right *and* just.

Regardless, coverage of queer and minority issues proved mostly fair—with a few gaffes. *Time*'s Aug. 5 first-week wrap-up dangerously compared Dahmer to Hannibal Lecter in *Silence of the Lambs*. In a *Silence* sidebar to their Aug. 12 Dahmer cover, *People* noted that "...Dahmer may have more in common with *Lambs*' other nightmare man, the skin-stitching Buffalo Bill,... who was less mad genius than helpless psychopath." At least the mag didn't say "helpless *gay* psychopath."

The July 27 *NY Times* unfortunately reported that Dahmer "took part in homosexual acts with...his victims";*People* said Dahmer's photos "showed homosexual sex acts...." Though technically correct, the phrase ties Dahmer, in readers' minds, to all queers: We have "homosexual sex." Better to have written, "Dahmer engaged in sexual acts with his victims." Anyway, for psychopaths and/or sociopaths, "sexual orientation" is blurry: for them, sex is an act of violence, regardless of whom it's with.

The case raised hackles about Milwaukee's police department, which the July 30 *NY Times* reported is 80 percent white, 12.8 percent Black, and only devotes 18 of 800 police academy hours to consciousness-raising about minority issues. Indeed, the *Times* reported that "a recent class of recruits heckled a gay speaker" at a sensitivity training.

Finally, the handwringing about Dahmer appears, in context, disingenuous. Milwaukee is a squeaky clean—*i.e.*, denial ridden—city with strict anti-porn regulations. "This incident has made everyone stand up and say that it can happen here," Marquette University president Albert J. DiUlio told the July 29 *NY Times*. Why the surprise? Serial killing may not be a daily fact of life; but racist and homophobic police, crumbling city systems and ignorance *are*.

WILL THAT BE FOR HERE, OR TO GO?

American Psycho-like press coverage let us see what Dahmer sawed, and turned up oddball nuggets: " 'It used to be that if we heard a scream at night we were all ears,' said neighborhood resident Pat Laur. 'Now if we hear a scream, we really don't kind of hear it.' " (*Ex*, AP, July 25) "Several mothers... worry that their children are thinking, 'Mommy, is he going to chop my head off, too?' " (*NY Times*, July 29) "A bus, carrying a wedding party, slowed to a crawl as it passed the end of [Dahmer's] block, honking its horn." (*NY Times*, July 29) "[Police] joked about needing to be 'deloused' after [visiting Dahmer's apartment]." (*Chron*, AP, Aug. 3).

"Police removed a sledgehammer, a hatchet, a sewer grate cover and containers for prescription pills from [Dahmer's] grandmother's house." (*Chron*, AP, July 30) "[Dahmer] is said to have boiled some skulls to remove the flesh and to have kept one heart in a freezer to eat later." (*NY Times*, July 27).

"Police were shocked to find a freezer covered with Polaroid photographs of mutilated men. Inside they discovered two severed heads and one more stashed in the refrigerator. A closet and filing cabinet yielded two more human skulls and a kettle containing what are thought to be decomposing hands and a male genital organ. Various body parts were strewn around the apartment, as were bottles of acid and chemical preservatives.... Often [Dahmer] boiled [victims'] heads to remove the flesh, and in at least one case, say authorities, he had anal sex with a cadaver." (*Time*, Aug. 5)

Said an old school pal (*Ex*, AP, July 24): "He was just generally one weird dude."

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TERMINATE "HER," TOO

He's big, he's buffed, he's boffo box office—and, according to Bill Zehme's hilariously understated Aug. 22 *Rolling Stone* Profile—serial-killing Terminator and fast-fading summer folly Arnold Schwarzenegger is *super-tired*.

At his gym, A.S. introduces a long-haired man as "Alan—or as we call her, *Alice*." In front of a convention of fans, the cigar-chomping, Republican "actor" tells a young Terminator-look-alike contest winner, "*You look cool*. I like those sexy lips of yours. It's true, Scott. They're driving me *wild*, I tell you!"

Writes Zehme: "Everyone, of course, laughs. Everyone except Arnold, whose eyes dance behind his shades." Mmm hmmm.

SORRY, MY CALENDAR STOPPED

The Aug. 12 *Newsweek* outing and Queer Nation profiles merely rehashed last year's media blitz on the subjects. "After a decade consumed by the struggle against AIDS, a *new* grass-roots energy has infused the gay-rights movement." (My ital.) Where was *Newsweek* in '87? Of gay lib's "significant strides," the mag noted that "four states" ban discrimination against gays. Significant? That's *four states* out of *fifty*.

Illogic abounded. "The new gay radicalism has produced its own pernicious double standards, demanding protection for some and total exposure for others," wrote reporter Bill Turque. He then contended that QN/SF refused a straw vote on members' feelings about outing. Turque's implicit assertion—that QN indulges a "pernicious double standard"—crumbles under the simple, obvious (and unreported) fact that QN *doesn't vote on anything*.

But I quibble. Good info also got reported, and the story's conclusion was surprisingly condescension-free, if characteristically ambiguous. "...[I]t's the anger behind outing that sends an important message: that gays in the 1990s expect new honesty about sexual roles—from gays, straights and their institutions. That's a message that, one way or the other, can't be ignored."

SPURTS

★ Exemplary: Derrick Z. Jackson's Boston *Globe* column decrying HHS Sect'y Louis Sullivan's decision to quash a five-year, $18 million teen sexuality study because of its frankness. Jackson: "Teen-age sex, with its web of social conditions and peer pressures, is too complex a subject to be sent to the closet."

★ Fabulous: Herb Moses' Aug. 1 *WashPost* column on being a D.C. "spouse." (He's Rep. Barney Frank's [D-Mass.] lover.) Conclusion: "Instead of my mere existence's being a topic of discussion, perhaps someday we can move on to the important things, like my hair and my clothes."

★ Fierce: David Tuller's July 29 *Chron* piece on Eastern European gays, which made the right connections: "As in half of the states in the United States, homosexuality is illegal in Romania and parts of Yugoslavia." Also, Carol Ness' Aug. 4 and 7 *Ex* front-pagers on outing.

★ Sad: the July demise of Leah Garchik's slyly funny *Chron* item-fest, "Personals." The column's now in the "People" section, handled by a copy editor. Garchik's moved to the news desk. Quipped she: "Another door opened—so I'm gonna be Catwoman!"

★ Asleep: *Ex* editors. Al Morch's unintentionally ironic June 7 lead on disabled comics: " 'How many *dsylexics* does it change to take a light bulb,' asks *dsylexic* comedian Alexis McGuire...." (My ital.) Morch's Aug. 6 Ron Reagan take-out mentions actress "Merle Streep." Any relation to Meryl Haggard? The same day, Rob Morse notes his part in "It Girl" Julian Guthrie's local celebrity: "I am *a complice* in this." (My ital.) Does he mean he is *complicit*? Or *an accomplice*? Ask Will Hearst. Or Gerard Koskovich.

★ Quote of the month: At the Madison Square Garden Metallica LP preview, 15-y.o. David Holder told the Aug. 5 *NY Times*: "It's like listening to an album—only louder." Dude!

★ Quote of the year (so far): Ex-Cal. Gov. Jerry Brown, on a possible presidential bid (*Ex*, July 27): "Someone asked me, 'Are you thinking about it?' I said, 'I am not unthinking about it.' "

ROB MORSE

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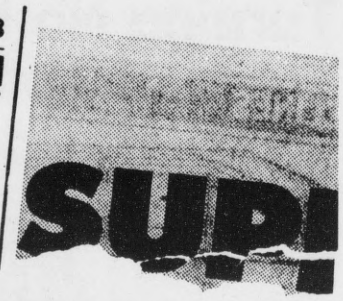

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

BY LOUISE RAFKIN

Cruising, Provincetown Style

Gay-La Bash: The hot social scene of the season was made here last week: a coming out bash for a young dykette to welcome her into the fold. Again, I was reminded of my own coming out: stealthily sneaking into the dark, dreary lesbo bars of my youth, cowering near the pool tables, peering through the smoke at the dour faces perusing the crowded room.

This coming out couldn't have been more different. An afternoon party at the end of a glorious beach day, outdoors under the bluest of Provincetown skies. Ladies were asked to wear dresses and so we did, butches the requisite Bermuda shorts. The debutante herself wore a white micro-mini flippy thing; her gal-pal flitted about in a see-through scrap of black net with a black up-the-u-know-what thong very evident beneath. Quite the pair. Scads of girls and guys, all in their finest, eating fine foods and drinking cool afternoon sodas and juices. A group photo was taken with the newest member of the flock reclined in front of us town of fools, legs kicked high in the air.

What's a party without a cake? Yes, and this one had a doozy. A cream-colored carrot manifestation, double humped *a la* breasts. On top of the two mounds, a pair of pink cupcakes mounted by cheery cherry nipples. The debutante herself had to nibble the tops off these mounds to the great delight of onlookers. And so she did, with much aplomb. She received gifts, the usual lacy knickknacks, a copy of *The Lesbian Love Advisor*, several gifts unwrapped in the privacy of the boudoir. Ah, the youth today…

Several days later I saw her back at work, dishing out pasta and being kind to the tourists, chirpy as could be. "Good luck," I told her as I left her big shindig, "you'll need it." But who knows? She's off to a good start.

Pee-Wee's Wee-Wee—or is that Boo-Boo? Gadz. Talk about your prick getting you in trouble. What to make of it all? Pity from this compassionate soul, though it seems he should have earned enough in his time to rent movies and watch them at home. And embarrassing enough to have it all happen during a screening of "Nancy Nurse." Anyway, the small outing that followed this larger one brought Pee-Wee's sister, a New York City lesbian rights activist/lawyer tumbling forward into the public eye, because guess what? She's a lesbian mom. All reported by the *Star*, the source of fine info everywhere.

But what to think of the closeting of Pee-Wee's Playhouse? Is it right to shut him off because of whatever he has done personally? I can sure think of a scad of authors whose personal lives were questionable in many ways—though I'm not saying Pee-Wee's was/is—whose work is still available. And certainly no one can dispute the brilliance of his work, so what about it folks, are we gonna make a stand on this? Or, in other words, what might happen if they come for us?

Speaking of the Unspeakable: What about those statistics recently released showing that half the young lads out there in the City By The Bay are doing the deed without protection? I don't get it. Clue me in. What's going on, guys?

And I've been doing my research out here, where cruising the dunes is still a popular afternoon pastime, and not for birdwatching. And yes, I'll admit, though I do sound kinda-Kansas, I'm shocked. It's a '70s revival, a flashback to the pre-AIDS daze of anonymous pairings, as if the new flower-power fashion has put everyone into a haze of denial.

It's a bit odd, actually, to be inquiring into the sex practices of my fellow Provincetowners (emphasis on fellow) because I'm truly realizing how different our communities are. I mean, it's common knowledge out on the streets of P-town, the size of most men's you-know-whats. Oh brother! Yep, the guys I talked with can not only tell you that (and they did—and most of the info cross-referenced correctly!) but also who does what, where and when. Can you imagine, girls, knowing the clit-size of scores of women you don't even know?

And the cruising protocol for dune pick-ups: Walk, make eye contact, approach, don't talk, whatever you do don't laugh. You're allowed to say "No" or "Don't." That's it! After it's over, turn, go your separate ways. Okay, you liberated gals, try that one for starters. Maybe if it was easier for us to do standing up I could start to imagine it.

I mean I know we're getting liberated and us girls are doing the deed without signing the lease first, but still, I can't help but think that our worlds are truly very different. Okay, most of you know that, but I'm sometimes kinda slow. Anyways, I'll continue my research out here in gay summer camp…

I'll Buy Anything: I'm talking about from that Monostat-7 girl. Monostat-7, the over the counter yeasty-beasty goop. You know the commercial. The gal's got dark dyky hair, wears simple casual clothes, and yaks a serious monologue about the M-7's glories. And she's a serious beauty, too. Come on! You know they found out that dykes get lots-o-yeast infections and so decided to hire someone to appeal to us. What do you think? Of course! Or they found out we use the yogurt method and figured they'd tap an untapped market. Well, she got me, though I haven't felt that kind of itch in many a moon.

Other TV Trivia: Heard that Abby ain't coming back to L.A. Law because she's afraid of being typecast a lesbo. (What about the more realistic fear of being typecast a wimp?) And a new gay teen on that queerest of TV shows, Beverly Hills 90219. Okay, I did watch this gang of ultra-spoiled brats prance about one day, yikes. Maybe a gay teen—a jock at that—will spruce things up. D'ja miss Martina on the tube with Ba-Ba Waw-wa? She can play tennis, I'll grant her that, but in the ways of love? Seemed a bit shocked to find that Judy was gonna get half of everything she made during their time together, but hey Ms. M, that's the way it falls in straightsville as well. And meanwhile, her once het ex- has straightened out again on the arm of a suave Texas gentleman.

Extra Credit: Back to School time folks, though I'm putting off getting a career till next year. Anyway, the new Random House Webster's College Dictionary gives definition to homophobia and heterosexism. And, bonus points, lists 'womyn' as an alternative spelling for women. And even, in the back, a "Guide to Avoiding Sexist Language." Oh, the times they are a changin'.

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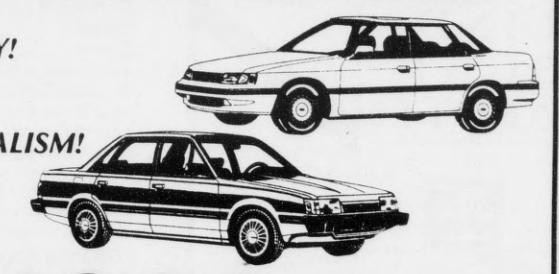
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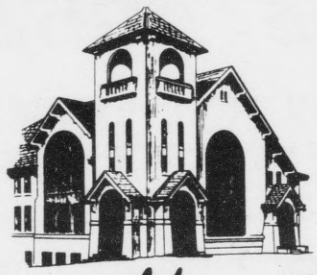

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Racism in the Gay Community: The Discussion Continues

Racism in the Gay Community

As an organization committed to combating racism, Black and White Men Together, San Francisco Bay Area (BWMT-SFBA) was pleased to see the Community Forum on racism in the August issue of the *SF Bay Times*. Many of our members of color continue to be painfully oppressed by racism in the gay community. Many of our white members have uncomfortably experienced a growing awareness of their own internalized racist conditioning. Dominant American culture continues its subtly racist socialization. The growing geographic separation of the races in the United States strengthens subtle (and unconsciously racist) prejudices. Racism will never be reduced (much less eradicated) if *conscious* efforts to resist it are not put forth.

Members of the gay and lesbian community are not strangers to oppression. In our community, we have taken important steps to affirm ourselves by embracing sexual diversity. Now is the time to educate ourselves and each other about cultural and racial diversity.

Kerrigan Black, in his thoughtful essay in the August Community Forum, correctly observes that white people often can't see racism: "If no names are called, if nothing flagrant happens, they tend to think it is only in the mind of the accuser." All of us, regardless of race, often overlook racism because of our desire to avoid conflict. Further, whites may have a heavy psychological investment in seeing themselves as nonracist liberals. The personal truth acknowledged by many of our BWMT members, however, is that we have been conditioned by our upbringing to have racist beliefs—beliefs that may not be in our immediate awareness. As interracialists, we support (and confront) each other in working on internalized racism.

SF Bay Times' readers with dominant culture backgrounds (i.e., white, middle class) may still not be convinced that racism exists outside of flagrant name-calling or obvious housing/employment discrimination. Racism is deeply institutionalized and its effects are pervasive. Statistics dramatically show the economic inequities and poorer health facing Blacks in the United States.*

Median Black family income	$19,300
Median White family income	$33,900
Blacks living below poverty level	33.1%
Non-Blacks living below poverty level	10.5%
Black unemployment rate	11.7%
White unemployment rate	4.7%

Blacks are subject to higher death rates due to homicide, accidents, infant mortality and the following illnesses:

	Black	Non-Black
Heart Disease	227	165
Stroke	51	28
Cirrhosis of Liver	15	8
Diabetes	20	9
Cancer	172	130

*The above statistics are cited from the *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1990: The National Data Book (110th Edition)*, published by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Bureau of the Census, available at public libraries. The economic statistics are for the most recent year available—1988. The limited statistics available for other people of color recognized as "minorities" by the federal government also indicate inequities.

The scientific community and liberal society now largely recognize that intelligence and abilities are distributed evenly among people of different ethnicities. Equal intelligence and equal opportunity would expectedly lead to similar life outcomes. The above statistics show a different picture—inequality in economics and health. It becomes obvious from these and other statistics that *opportunities are not equal* for different groups of people in our country. No matter how much we wish to deny the facts, institutional and personal racism prevent the equality of opportunity. Such is the nature of American society. The same racism of American society easily carries over into gay and lesbian culture unless it is continuously and aggressively fought.

Thus racism is a painful but necessary topic of discussion within the gay and lesbian community. Locally, the weekly BWMT rap sessions often address personal and institutional racism, directly or indirectly. For more information on BWMT raps, call 826-BWMT. In an effort to make resources and literature available to groups and individuals interested in understanding and confronting racism, the National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) has published a new (1991) edition of *Resisting Racism: An Action Guide*. The guide includes workshop outlines, resource materials, essays, definitions and bibliographies. For more information and to order this guide, call NABWMT board member Lee Woo at 749-6714, 9 am to 5 pm.

In closing, we thank the editors of the *SF Bay Times* for fostering a discussion of racism. Awareness is the first step toward taking action that creates change.

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White Backlashing

In August's issue (*SF Bay Times*), Robert Cole wrote a letter labeled "Minority Bellyaching" to complain that previous letters addressing racism amounted to mere "minority bellyaching." Cole, who describes himself as a white male and activist for majority viewpoints, presumes to know what "real racism" is and describes it as: (1) when an African American is raped by whites, or (2) when a Chinese student is beaten by a "Hispanic" gang, or (3) when South Africans are denied voting rights because of their skin color. His shallow description of "real racism" demonstrates most white people's vast ignorance of minority experiences, and how unconsciously white people live in their privileged white world.

Too often white men have told nonwhites what to do: how to think and feel, what to protest, where to live, where to work, how to look and speak, who to love and hate, and what God to worship. Thus, I am no longer shocked when Robert Cole, a white man, tells minorities what "real racism" is. But as a white man, Robert Cole only *thinks* he knows what real racism is.

As a Chinese American, I can tell you that racism is being told I don't fit the "all American" image; it's when a white person is surprised that I don't speak English with a Chinese accent, despite knowing that I was born and educated in the United States; it's when white people automatically approach me at the laundermat with their soiled clothes expecting me to provide service without even asking if I work there (I don't—I'm there to do *my* laundry); it's when I'm in line first to buy something or get service, but the sales clerk helps the next white person instead; it's when the white waiter or waitress in the restaurant *always* asks for my white companion's order first, and then later comes back to ask *him* if everything is fine; it's when I'm invisible in a gay bar (or anywhere) because white men are preferred; it's being called a "gook" or a "slope" either as an insult or as a "joke"; it's being in a crowded MUNI train and the white man crunched against me tries to shove me away and sneers at me, saying, "he probably doesn't even understand English"; it's being told "all Chinese look alike"; it's when I'm denied or offered a job because I'm stereotyped as potentially passive; it's when the media portrays Asian men as nothing but undesirable, sexless, "Hop-Sing" servants; it's when white people mimic Asians, their language, culture and gestures, particularly in the media; it's when the white airport security guard stops me to inspect my American passport but not my white companion's; it's when European history and European literature is called *World History* and *World Literature*; it's being told a man is not "Oriental" because "he's from Kentucky" (or somewhere in North America); it's when white people treat me, my life, needs, values and concerns as less important than theirs. The examples are truly endless. And, of course, my personal experiences are not unique, nor do they even make a dent in describing all minorities' experiences.

We minorities, people of color, know what racism really is. As victims of racism, our experience entitles us to identify it, own it, and conquer it. Real racism affects us everywhere—all the time. Racism is more than the obvious physical attacks and racist legislation. People of color know too well how insidiously subtle racism is. Personal experience gives minorities the ability to know what "real racism" is; and experience is something Robert Cole lacks.

People like Robert Cole are in no positon to tell minorities what racism is. A white man enjoys the economic, social, psychological and political privileges of a white-dominated world; a person of color does not. In a society such as ours, a white man can never come close to feeling a person of color's experience. By virtue of our experiences, we as minorities, who are systematically denied white privileges, know the truth about racism and must refuse to allow men like Robert Cole to degrade our experiences of racism with their limited white perspective.

Photo by Rink

The Mayor's race in San Francisco has brought long-simmering issues of racism in the community to the surface.

Cole's assertion that the white majority has "no moral or political obligation to support [minorities'] cause" lacks any foundation. Ironically, his next sentence states that "the white majority has an obligation to support freedom and equality for all people, but not necessarily for those who accuse [whites] of racism." His double message shows how whites appease their own conscience by claiming to advocate noble concepts such as freedom and equality "for all," while at the same time denying minorities the support and freedom to voice the inequality voiced by white racism. Are minorities included in "all people" or not?

On average, people of color earn less than whites, are more often denied employment opportunities than whites, have higher infant mortality rates than whites, suffer more health problems than whites, have poorer health care than whites, have poorer schooling than whites, pay more than whites do for the same car model because salesmen will not bargain as much for minorities, and receive slower police responses than do whites. If minority causes are not in furtherance of freedom and equality, then what does Cole think they are?

While Cole asserts that whites have no moral or political obligation to support the minority cause, he quickly forgets how, historically, until even today, people of color have supported theirs. People of color have been white people's slaves, servants, exploited cheap labor, sadistic science experiments, scapegoats, lowly paid clerks, stepping stones to top management, and sex toys. No moral obligation? Think again. Politically, minorities and gays need support in their quest for equality and freedom. However, following the logic of Cole's assertion, heterosexuals have no moral or political obligation to support gay causes either. If we as gays and lesbians protest a heterosexist society and ask for freedom and sexual equality, would Cole be so quick to support his own assertion? His double message indicates that it would depend on whose interest is at stake. Assuming Cole is a gay white man, he would have a difficult time reconciling his statements.

David Lee
Oakland

Tired of Crying "Racist"

Thank you, Robert Cole, for saying what so many of us are experiencing!

We are *so* tired of people crying "racists" or "sexists" when their half-baked ideas are questioned.

We are *so* tired of naive leftists parroting their hidden agendas. And we are deeply ashamed that our so-called "leaders" knuckled under to this pressure and moved the National March on Washington from 1992—when it could have influenced the elections—to 1993, when it can safely be ignored again.

It's time to stand up and fight back!

Thank you, Robert Cole!

Randi Crowder
San Francisco

Social Racism

A forum on racism. I think that you will be bombarded by those who think much as does Mr. Cole: Racism is the *violent* prevention of the rights of others due to their ethnic/racial background. The subtlety of the social (i.e., exclusionary tactics) racism escapes him, obviously. He ignores his own racism in determining the fate of people of color due to their "hostility" toward him and his like. His basic premise is simple: "We, the white people, decide by magnanimous egalitarianism which charges WE find *acceptable* to debate. We are the judges doling out "fairness" to you (others)." Sound ugly? It is. He seems to come from some ingrained position of superiority, instead of the position that we are all of us equal and that some of "us" have taken away the rights of others of "us." This makes him, as far as having a developed awareness, lacking. His statements mark him with an obvious incapability of noble thought. People who proceed along this line include Helms, Anita Bryant and others, who would decide the limits of their "moral" obligations to us (gay) people. Cole does the same, only to those "attacking" him. He seems to lack the idea that he could be enlightened by this discussion instead of being indignant and defensive. So be it. I find the social racism more divisive, and much more subtle. Examples? Glad you asked.

Look at the fracas going on in our political clubs. An officer of the club calling another officer a nigger?!? As if that isn't enough, we have a woman addressing a concrete issue, followed by a gay white brother, who announces that he's proud of being white?!! I could understand being proud of being part of what a culture produces, but one's color in and of itself is nothing other than a happenstance of nature. The most pathetic and stupid part of this is the crowd cheering his remark, as if it's Star Search audition time. What does this say about the emotional maturity of the constituency of these people in this club? This is completely an example of style over substance.

Let's take our own gay media. When you look at the ads, how many times do you see a person of color in them representing a concept? The "900" ad models on ALL the erotica? White. The "take-a-gay-vacation" ads? White. Is this to imply that only whites take vacations, or that only whites are wanted? Even seeing a Filipino man would be welcome. (I'm Black, so I would like to see this, but I'd just as soon see *anyone* of color. That would be, to me, a step toward the consciousness that there is something besides the dominant part of society being recognized as "people who exist.")

Look at our major clubs: Colossus and the Pleasuredome, which specialize in an extremely Black music form: House music. Why are there never ANY Black DJs there? I don't suggest that they consciously exclude them, just that there is the ignorance of neglect. How could you have a show of *any* culture without including people who are *inherently immersed in that culture daily*?

It's all leading toward one thing: consciousness. Without it, ALL of us are doomed to remain at the level of existence we reach at the age of, say, 18. (Actually, that may be an insult to some 18-year-olds. My children are 18, and they are quite conscious.) The community at large has seen fit to indulge in emotional responses to concrete issues, sort of the "we-don't-like-the-way-you're-saying-this, so-we-refuse-to-recognize-the-*substance*-of-your-remarks" type thing. This is called adolescent behavior. And, being in my 40s and having observed the society from the point when the races ABSOLUTELY DID NOT MIX, I can tell you one thing: You will *NEVER* be able to legislate this consciousness into a human being. You may be able to shame people into it, but that is about all. This must come from a desire to rise above the pettiness of it all, and that is more a spiritual growth. In the meantime, we can use the laws to speed along those of us who refuse to do by themselves what we would hope comes naturally: Consider that we are all TRULY brothers under the skin surface.

Glen McLeod
San Francisco

Different Shades

I am a French Canadian, Canuk, Metis, Quebecois. My hera-tage [sic] is similar to the experience of the Cajun, Basque, Acadian, Creole. I am related by blood and culture to such tribes as the Mohawk and Iroquois as well as French peasants.

Canuk is the tribe of indigenous mixed bloods. When the Quebecois are reduced to the phrase "different society" in Canada, it means we are a different blood, culture, hera-tage. The Canuk speaks of the English as another race, as perpetrators of racism against French Canadians. When the English came and burned teepees, they burned my ancestors who slept inside. When the English came and drove the Indian from the land, they came for Canuks, too. All of us were driven into the cities, where many of us died of TB, poverty and despair because we were exiled from the land and separated from our blood.

I am of French Canadian hera-tage. Some people believe that means I'm French, some say I'm Canadian; some think it means I am an illiterate, dirty savage simply because I am a Canuk. I watched assimilation silence my father's language, kill his culture and eventually kill my father. There are people who look past my brown eyes, dark hair, high cheekbones, my body shape—and skim over to my skin paled by winter and assume I'm white. Because of ignorance, they don't know I'm a lesbian of color. They don't know any better; and they'll say something hurtful and stupid about Indians or frogs or light skinned privilege.

I know rage, grief, pain because of this ignorance: slurs and racial epithets, assumptions and assimilation (which is genocide). I have to step back and take a breath. On the exhale come the quesitons: How would people have any idea of what a French Canadian is? How would any of us know about non-English ethno-cultural history?

There aren't many history books that speak of Canuks. We live under a nationalistic government that promotes only generic globs such as The Asians, The Immigrants, The African Americans, The White People, The Hispanics, The Native Americans. We are unnamed by a nationalistic census that attempts to classify Japanese Americans as white people. We live in a society that anglicizes every name. We often live in families that are not cross-cultural; and when they are, we deny it and let one or the other dominate. Ignorance is rampant.

Racism is based on the lie that there are races rather than cultures, ethnicities, tribes. Racism is institutionalized hatred and greed that perpetrate ignorance, assimilation, genocide. Racism is enforced by laws and governments of rich people (I don't mean some yuppie schlepp), who have a lot to gain by fragmenting us, using our ignorance to create suspicion, promote anger and ensure adversity. Racism is used to inflict poverty and pain so that we become lean and mean, turn on each other. We do not face the real enemy; we are too busy devouring each other.

I work for a time when we realize that we are different shades of the same color. There is need to get over our ignorance about ourselves and each other, transform our anger and heal our wounds. This requires whole individuals who do not assume that there is such a thing as "obvious." This requires looking in the face of ignorance and seeing ourselves reflected in its eyes. This requires that each of us learn about our own cultures and hera-tages. This requires speaking about our cultures with other people, learning and listening about other cultures. This requires speaking with (*not* preaching at) each other. These requirements fulfill the promise of creating a new reality of trust, respect and knowledge. This promise aspires to a renewed dream of loving, accepting, honoring ourselves and each other.

Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien
Berkeley

White Minority

So Robert Cole says that "the white majority" of San Francisco "has no obligation to support" the cause of people of color and that "minorities are minorities."

Well, I've got a newsflash for you, Mr. Cole. *White people are a minority in San Francisco.* You state that 46 percent of San Francisco's population is white. Forty-six percent is *not* a majority. It takes 51 percent to have a majority.

While Mr. Cole is correct that only 10 percent of San Franciscans are Black and 23 percent are Latino, he completely ignores the 31 percent of San Franciscans who are Asian.

Mr. Cole, Asians are *not* white people. Therefore, when you add the percentages of nonwhites together, you find that people of color comprise a *54 percent majority* of San Francisco's population! And before this decade is out, people of color will hold a majority of at least 51 percent of the *entire state's population.*

Therefore, Mr. Cole, you cannot claim to be an activist for "majority viewpoints," for white San Franciscans ceased to be a majority in the mid-1980s.

And with whites no longer a majority of San Francisco's population, inevitably they must give up the power that comes with majority status.

David Dinkins, New York City's first Black mayor, got elected chiefly because for the first time in that city's history, nonwhites outvoted whites. Blacks and Latinos now comprise a nearly two-thirds majority of New York City's population—and 54 percent of its voter rolls.

As people of color solidify their new majority in San Francisco in the 1990s and the first decade of the 21st century, white people will have only one choice: either accommodate this new reality or move out of the City.

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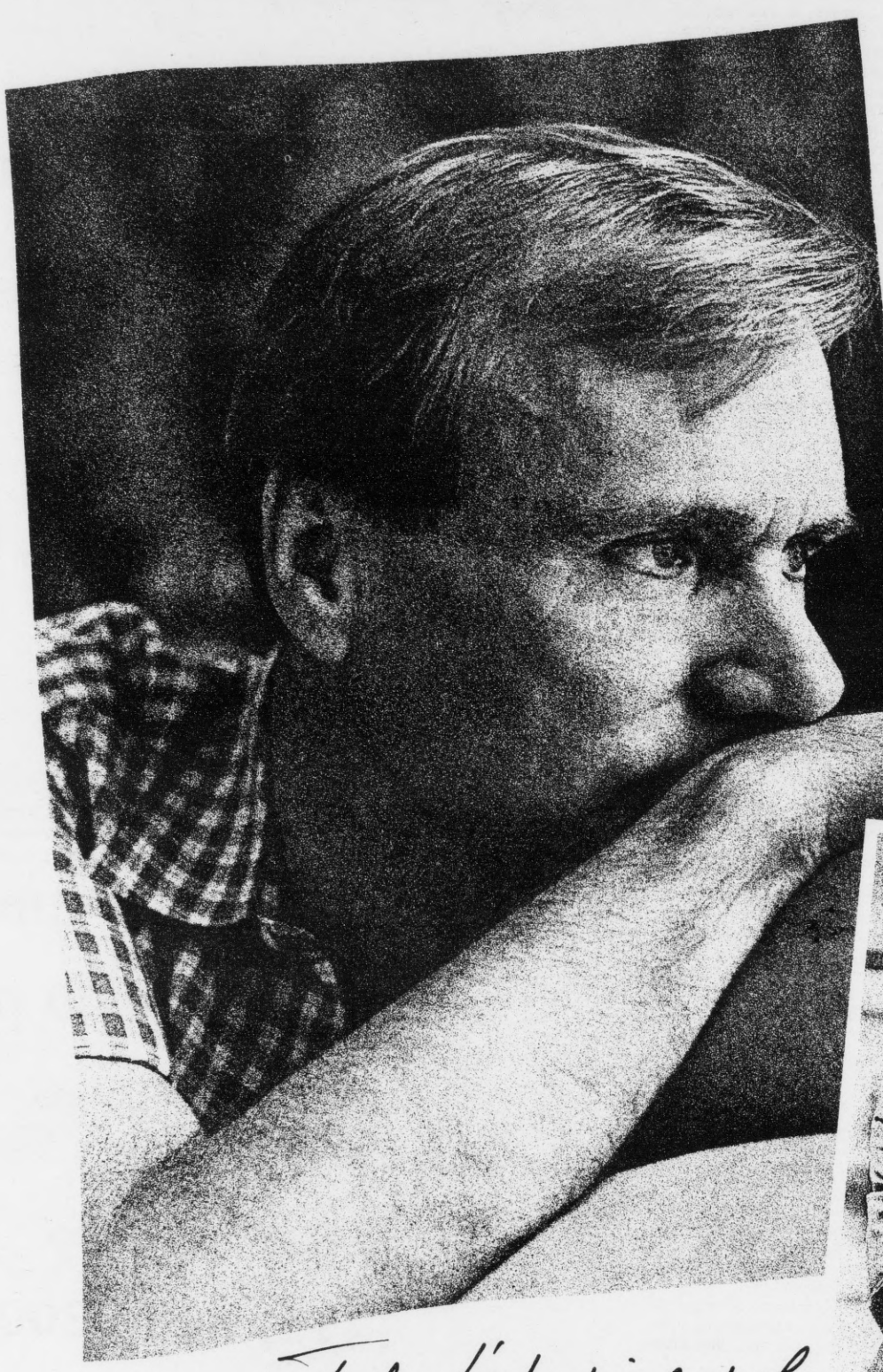

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Redefining An Epidemic:

The Impact on San Francisco of the New Centers for Disease Control AIDS Definition

BY TIM KINGSTON

AIDS isn't what it used to be, and San Francisco's medical and social service providers are busy grappling with just what that will mean for the City by the Bay, whose number of people with AIDS will more than double. On January 1, 1992, the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will officially expand the definition of AIDS to include all those people infected with HIV who have a T-cell count of 200 or less. The new definition is widely but cautiously endorsed, due to worry about how the City is going to pay for care for the increased numbers.

For some, the CDC redefinition is liable to be traumatic. As Jerry Windley of ACT UP/Golden Gate says, "The biggest fear was how would this impact on the mental health services. A lot of people will get their diagnoses changed over the holidays: 'Merry Christmas—you now have AIDS.' " For others, the redefinition will open doors to services they had previously been denied.

"I think we are going to see new people across the board. We will see gay men of color, injection drug users—and women will be part of this group," says Pat Christen, director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. She adds that many HIV-positive gay and bisexual men who fall outside of the current AIDS definition will now be included. "Many of these people are quite symptomatic and are in need of direct services, but because they did not have an AIDS diagnosis they were ineligible for many of the services that people with AIDS receive."

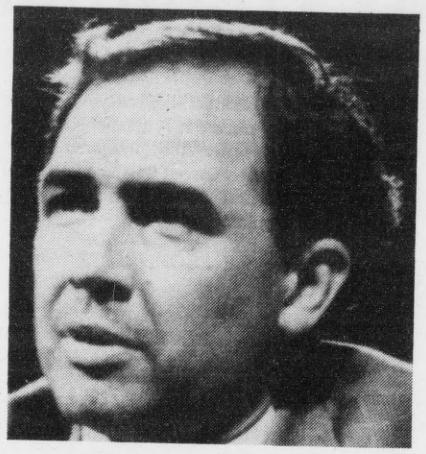
When the new definition becomes official, the total number of reported PWAs in the City will jump from about 3,600 to between 7,500-8,500. But before everyone panics, Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of the SF Department of Public Health (DPH) AIDS office, notes that many City-run services have used eligibility criteria based on functional disability for the past two years instead of the CDC definition. Functional disability allows those physically unable to function, work or maintain normal activities to receive benefits. Consequently, "We don't anticipate a huge increase in our waiting list for certain services with this new definition," says Dr. Hernandez.

Brandy Moore of the Black Coalition on AIDS is less than impressed, however, and argues that changing the definition of AIDS without earmarking greater federal funds for the epidemic verges on the criminal. "Today we have 2,000 people with AIDS. In January we have 5,000. So, if you did not give us any money to take care of them or increase the number of beds in the hospital and increase the number of caregivers and physicians, all you have done is make everyone work harder. But, you have made it easier to give epidemiologists a chance to look like they know what they are doing—a body count."

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, disagrees. He believes the new definition will give a more accurate—and expanded—picture of how many people throughout the United States are actually being seriously affected by HIV disease, and he hopes that will have a salutary impact on the Bush administration. "I am not naive enough to assume that because the definition changes there will be a windfall of funds, but I think it will help keep the pressure on."

THE BOTTOM LINE: DO MORE CASES MEAN MORE MONEY FOR AIDS?

"It will be critical that this new category of individuals be eligible for social security [disability] benefits and MediCal," declares Dr. Hernandez, so San Francisco can be paid for some of their expenses. "That is the whole reason that this would be a useful, desirable change—from the point of view of financing the epidemic."



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Dr. Paul Volberding, director of SF General's AIDS program, thinks the new definition will have minimal impact, but other AIDS agencies in the City—particulary those working with women and people of color—are not so sure.

At the moment, anyone with an AIDS diagnosis is immediately granted presumptive disability status by the Social Security Administration (SSA), thus becoming eligible for six months of temporary disability benefits while an application for permanent disability payments is reviewed. (All federal agencies use the current CDC definition of AIDS as a benchmark to grant benefits.)

For San Francisco, if benefits are granted to those who fall in the new CDC definition, that will provide a badly needed, albeit indirect, financial boost from state and federal governments. At present, the medical and social services expenses of many of those who will be identified as PWAs in January are met by city funds alone. Such costs are a significant element of the staggering budget deficit. But don't hold your breath waiting for funding increases in disability benefits from SSA, or MediCal and Medicare payments.

When asked what impact the new CDC AIDS definition will have on disability benefits, Louis Enoff, the principal deputy commissioner of the SSA, replied, "The answer is none. The reason is because we are in the process of changing the regulations in terms of presumptive disability. We will move away from using the CDC definition." Instead, he says, SSA has been working since spring to define and implement a functional definition of disability to determine eligibility criteria for benefits, rather than a clinical definition of the disease.

The new rules are due for release this fall. The SSA expects a 12 percent increase in benefit payments, but how that would compare with payments if the expanded definition were used is unknown.

Enoff denies that the new eligibility requirements are a cynical effort to escape paying more money out to PWAs. In fact, he says, the SSA has been using broader eligibility criteria for disability payments than the CDC since late March.

An official at the Health Care Financing Agency, which manages Medicaid, says, "There will be little significant impact" on Medicaid payments, because its benefits structure is based on the SSA definition.

Wayne Sauseda, chief of the California state office of AIDS, is markedly more enthusiastic than Enoff, so much so he says he can see MediCal paying out benefits, even if the SSA won't. But Suaseda's office is still reviewing the redefinition. He says, "We see this as a very positive decision on the CDC's part. It will expand greatly the scope of the definition, while hopefully diminishing its complexity. It will allow us to access individuals into early intervention programs who might not have had access, including women." No decision has yet been made.

One area where the new definition may eventually hurt San Francisco is in the roughly $12 million of Ryan White grant money the City receives from the federal government. Half that money comes from competitive-bidding contracts San Francisco will probably continue to win. The other $6 million, however, is granted to cities with over 2,000 cases of AIDS, or over 25 PWAs per 10,000 residents. Currently there are 16 cities receiving money under that formula; there will be 18 in 1992, the last year grants are given under the old AIDS definition. But, in 1993, using the new definition there will be 29 eligible cities. If the fiscal pie does not expand dramatically, those additional demands will mean less of those funds for San Francisco.

And a sizable increase in AIDS spending is extremely unlikely from the Bush administration—unless it can be turned into a foreign policy endeavor, or a war. When Bill Grigg, a federal Public Health Service official, was challenged to say if the increased number of PWAs generated by the new definition would mean any increase in AIDS funding, he became evasive. Grigg said two things must be thought about. "One is overall budget limitations, and two is the fact that already more money is being spent on AIDS than any other disease than cancer. So, in terms of number of people, the spending does not always [pause] spending is already so high it is hard to [uncomfortable pause] it can't have as big an impact as if it were a small program to begin with." In other words: Drop dead.

An irate Mark Stanger, assistant HIV benefits coordinator at Kaiser San Francisco, retorted, "The total amount per year spent on Alzheimer's, cancer and AIDS is less than what we spent per day on Operation Desert Storm!...How much do we want to cure this disease and eradicate it?"

PANIC IN THE STREETS OR BUSINESS AS USUAL?

The level of hysteria with which the new guidelines are greeted rather depends upon who you ask. Those involved in direct medical inpatient and outpatient care, and women's health care providers—with certain caveats—are embracing the CDC redefinition and believe its impact will be generally beneficial. Those involved in the social services aspects of the epidemic, particularly pyscho-social services, are gritting their teeth and preparing for an onslaught.

"It is instant overload. We are already getting calls from people who are freaked out," groans Judith Stevenson, director of Operation Concern, the City's largest gay/lesbian counseling and psychiatric service agency. She says that hundreds of people will essentially all be getting AIDS diagnoses on the same day. Many will call Operation Concern, which already has about a 50-strong waiting list, others will jam suicide lines or City crisis intervention centers. "We have an already bankrupt public health system—where are the resources going to come from?"

She adds that "huge numbers" of women will be affected, yet there are insufficient services for their needs. "We will be thrown back to playing catch-up like in the early '80s."

Dr. Hernandez warns the City will have to survey many service programs and define eligibility in terms of need, instead of if individuals simply fit an AIDS diagnosis. The same will probably be true of nonprofit organizations. Shanti Project director Eric Rofes warns the new definition will place even greater demands on his agency's emotional support system, and may force other agencies to re-examine their original mission statements.

Steve Burns, executive director of Open Hand, is worried about what effect a doubling of AIDS cases will have on meals for PWAs, but has no projections of the impact yet. Chris Veysey, director of the AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF) is nervous that the redefinition "will stretch us to the point where we cannot handle it financially. Don Hardiman, public affairs director for Catholic Charities, says the new definition may "translate into a waiting list until we secure more funding for emergency financial needs." Catholic Charities provides housing and services to about 1,000 people a year with AIDS and HIV.

In contrast, Dr. Paul Volberding, director of SF General Hospital's AIDS program, believes the redefinition will have a minimal impact on medical practice. He says, "If anyone knows they are HIV-positive and have less than 200 T-helper cells, hopefully they are already under a physician's care. I don't think there will be any influx." He argues the redefinition will largely impact surveillance statistics, but medically is only really useful to get the word out that people with less than 200 T-cells should be on prophylaxis. "We would hope that most people have already heard that message, but if not this should help us at doing that."

Ambivalence runs through the reaction to the redefinition from women's AIDS advocates. On the one hand all the women's advocates contacted by *SF Bay Times* are glad the new definition will finally recognize women with low T-cell counts as having AIDS, but they are displeased that the CDC failed to define any women-specific opportunistic infections as AIDS-related. In San Francisco, one estimate is that the number of women's AIDS cases will grow to over 300.

Women's advocates have been actively campaigning for several months to get the CDC to include women-specific opportunistic infections in their guidelines. "This is an attempt by the CDC to get the heat off them," declares Crystal Mason of ACT UP/SF. Mason says, "This reaction is an attempt [by the CDC] to give women benefits, but does nothing about women getting health care."

Part of the problem, says Laura Thomas of ACT UP/SF, is that there has been no natural history study of AIDS in women yet. She says women may actually be getting sicker, even though they have higher T-cell counts than men, but because no studies have been done on women, no one knows if that is true. She takes issue with the CDC's lack of inclusion of women's infections as a failure to address their epidemiological mandate. "The epidemic is not just about larger numbers, but what the diseases are—who is getting what. We need to know if a specific disease is more prevalent in a specific part of the country and a specific part of the population," says Thomas.

Catherine Maier, coordinator of the Women's and Children's Service Program at the SF AIDS Foundation, is concerned that physicians will think that women's gynecological manifestations of AIDS will be covered by the new definition, when they are not. "A woman who presents with gynecological disorders as a symptom of AIDS or ARC may not have a T-cell count that low—it is like a smoke screen over the women's issue. It will benefit many—I am for that—but it is still a smoke screen." Despite the critiques, few would disagree with Dianne Miller, an assistant administrator at SF General Hospital. "The change in the definition starts to look at AIDS as a chronic illness, rather than focusing on the end stage. For that reason, the change is good."

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

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Gastrointestinal Problems with HIV: Diagnosis and Treatment

BY MICHELLE ROLAND

Many of the most common and debilitating symptoms associated with HIV involve the gastrointestinal (GI) tract, including the mouth, throat, esophagus, stomach, small intestine, liver, gall bladder, bile duct, colon (large intestine), rectum and anus. These symptoms include painful oral sores, difficulty swallowing, chest or abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, nausea, weight loss and rectal pain. Some of the common opportunistic infections of the GI tract are candida (thrush), CMV, cryptosporidiosis, MAC (also called MAI) and herpes. Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) and lymphoma can also be found in these organs. A large number of other organisms and diseases, including many found in people with intact immune systems—as well as HIV itself—can also cause some of the symptoms listed above.

Much of the frustration of managing GI disease results from the slow and confusing diagnostic process and the uncomfortable medical procedures involved. In this article, we will describe many of the possible causes of various symptoms, and the tests and procedures a doctor would be most likely to recommend in order to make a diagnosis. We hope that this information will serve to demystify the doctor's thinking process as well as provide people with these symptoms with enough information to be comfortable asking informed questions about the diagnostic and treatment plans. The dialogue which results will be helpful to both the patient and the doctor as they try together to figure out the nature of the problem and the treatment options.

This article does not provide an exhaustive description of standard therapies and experimental treatment options, covered in earlier issues [for back issue information, see the address at the end of the article], but instead emphasizes new information, especially about clinical trials which are open or are being planned. A special section is focused on the specific steps involved in the diagnosis and management of the most universal problem, diarrhea, and includes a brief discussion of nutritional supplementation.

DISEASES OF THE ESOPHAGUS (ESOPHAGITIS)

The most common symptoms associated with esophagitis include difficult and/or painful swallowing, and/or pain located in the middle of the chest, with or without weight loss. These symptoms can be caused by candida (the organism which causes oral thrush), CMV, herpes, or other less common organisms. KS and lymphoma are unusual in the esophagus, but may occasionally be found there. Aphthous ulcers, the cause of which are unknown, can cause severe oral and esophageal pain in people with HIV. Ulcers may also result from taking certain medications, including AZT, while lying down and without adequate fluids. Recently, a report released by the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) described a large esophageal ulcer in a man who was taking ddC; it started healing when he stopped taking the drug. It is not clear if ddC caused the ulcer, especially since CMV was found in it. However, if esophageal ulcers develop while taking ddC, and they do not improve with antifungal or acyclovir treatment, it is recommended that ddC be discontinued while diagnostic tests are performed.

People with oral thrush who have a sudden onset of difficulty swallowing most likely have esophageal thrush. It is not usually necessary to do any diagnostic procedures in this case, and treatment with fluconazole or ketoconazole can be initiated. Because not all people with esophageal thrush also have oral thrush, many physicians will start treating immediately if the only symptom is difficulty swallowing.

When there are additional symptoms, or a course of treatment for thrush is ineffective, two diagnostic procedures may be considered. Endoscopy—which involves inserting a flexible rubber tube down the throat, observing the esophageal tissue through a lens, and often taking biopsies—tends to provide the most useful information. However, some people are unwilling or unable to undergo endoscopy. In this case, swallowing barium and taking X-rays may be helpful.

Esophageal herpes can be treated with oral or intravenous (IV) acyclovir. Some lesions may not respond to acyclovir, in which case foscarnet may be helpful. Foscarnet is not yet FDA-approved, so it must be obtained by a physician from the manufacturer, Astra Pharmaceuticals. It will only be provided to patients who have already failed IV acyclovir therapy. For more information, physicians may call Astra at (800) 388-4148.

The standard treatment for CMV is ganciclovir. Many people require life-long treatment to prevent recurrences of the CMV lesions. Foscarnet may also be available if ganciclovir fails to control esophageal CMV. Sometimes CMV may no longer be found after using ganciclovir, but the lesions may not have healed. Steroids appear to be useful in some of these situations.

Aphthous ulcers (related to canker sores; also known as idiopathic ulcers, which means that the cause is unknown) have been treated in a couple of very small studies with a variety of steroids (oral prednisone, intralesional methylprednisolone acetate, intravenous hydrocortisone or, for oral ulcers, topical clobetasol proprionate). In one study, topical tetracycline was used in addition to steroids for oral ulcers. Although steroids appear to be effective in reducing the symptoms associated with these ulcers, recurrences are common. (Joseph Sonnabend, M.D., of the Community Research Initiative in New York, has suggested that the prescription drug pentoxifylline should be studied to see if it may be useful in treating aphthous ulcers.)

Thalidomide has been anecdotally reported to be effective in the treatment of aphthous ulcers in people with HIV. Because it causes serious birth defects, thalidomide is not approved for marketing in the United States, and is only being used in the context of clinical trials and for the treatment of leprosy. It is manufactured by Pediatric Pharmaceuticals of Westfield, New Jersey. The president of that company, Mr. Robert Stites, explained that he has applied for approval from the FDA to distribute the drug to individual physician investigators who have completed the appropriate paperwork but that approval has not yet been granted. Mr. Stites can be reached by physicians wishing information on the status of FDA approval for individual physician use at (908) 225-0989.

Esophageal ulcers can be caused by taking medication, including AZT, while lying down and without adequate fluids. All medications should be taken with a glass of water or other fluids while sitting or standing. As described above, ddC may also cause esophageal ulceration.

DISEASES OF THE STOMACH (GASTRITIS)

Common symptoms of gastritis include nausea, vomiting, pain or discomfort in the upper abdomen, black/tarry stool (the color and consistency are due to digested blood), and feeling full after eating a small amount of food. It is important to realize that many of the stomach diseases seen in people with HIV infection are not HIV-related, including peptic ulcers and various alcohol-related problems. The most common HIV-related causes of gastric symptoms include KS, lymphoma and CMV.

The same diagnostic procedures as described in the section on esophagitis apply to cases of suspected gastritis. Barium studies will show large tumors; endoscopy may be required to get biopsy samples or to see small lesions caused by CMV or other organisms.

Currently available treatment options for CMV infections are described above. Lymphoma treatment involves intensive chemotherapy.

DISEASES OF THE LIVER, GALL BLADDER AND BILE DUCT (HEPATOBILIARY DISEASE)

The most common symptoms associated with hepatobiliary disease include pain or discomfort in the upper right portion of the abdomen (where the liver and gall bladder are located), fever, nausea and vomiting. Occasionally diarrhea and/or jaundice may be present. The liver is often enlarged, and liver functions are elevated on routine blood tests.

People with HIV can have non-HIV specific gall bladder or liver infections, or blockage of the bile duct, and these should be considered by the physician. The most common HIV-related causes of gall bladder and bile duct disease are CMV and cryptosporidium. The liver can be infected with hepatitis B, tuberculosis (TB), cryptococcus, histoplasma or MAC. KS and lymphoma may also be found there. Many of the diseases of the liver, gall bladder and bile duct affect more than one part of the body. Therefore, if a person has already been diagnosed with one of these infections or cancers, and has the symptoms listed above, they may be due to the same disease.

Four procedures are commonly employed to diagnose the cause of hepatobiliary disease. Ultra-

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sound and/or CAT scan are usually the first choice and are non-invasive picture-taking techniques similar to X-rays. When bile duct disease is suspected, it may be necessary to insert an endoscope into the area where the bile duct opens into the small intestine. Dye is injected into the bile duct system so that X-rays can be taken to see if there is inflammation, blockage or dilation of the ducts. Liver biopsies are rarely required to make a diagnosis of the cause of liver disease. However, when there is no disseminated infection (MAC, KS, lymphoma, CMV, etc.), the liver enzyme levels remain very high, and the liver enlargement does not decrease, it may be necessary to do a biopsy to see what organism(s) is causing the problem.

Treatment may include surgery in the case of some types of acute inflammation of the gall bladder. Bile duct blockage is often treated by dilating the duct mechanically through an endoscope. A study at SF General Hospital is looking at the use of ursodiol, a drug normally used to treat gall stones, in people with endoscopy-proven bile duct disease who have elevated liver enzyme levels and significant pain in the area of the liver. For more information about this study, call Mary Chan, M.D., or Kristin Weaver, R.N., at (415) 821-8822.

FIAU, an experimental drug which has been found to have too many side effects at doses needed to work against CMV, is now being tested in people with chronic hepatitis B infection. It is believed that lower doses, those with fewer side effects, may be adequate to stop the hepatitis virus from replicating, although it is not known how long treatment might be required. This study is being conducted at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, and at three other sites. Participants must have greater than 200 T-helper cells, liver enzymes no more than five times greater than normal, and be using no other experimental therapies.

For more information on this new trial of FIAU in hepatitis B, call: (1) NIH: (301) 496-1836; David Paar, M.D. (Physicians only, please); (2) University of Washington, Seattle: (206) 223-3240; Thomas Hooton, M.D.; (3) University of Calif., San Diego: (619) 543-8080, ask for the screening nurse; or (4) University of Alabama, Birmingham: (205) 934-5316; Richard Whitley, M.D.

Note that hepatitis B is a preventable disease. Your doctor can do blood tests to find out if you have ever had hepatitis B. If you have not, you should discuss being immunized with Recombivax, the vaccine which prevents new infection. Also note that alpha interferon is available to treat some cases of hepatitis B.

DISEASES OF THE SMALL INTESTINE (ENTERITIS)

Small bowel disease is usually associated with frequent, large volume diarrhea, abdominal cramping, pain in the area around the belly button, and bloating. Slow weight loss may occur, although the appetite is usually normal. Fever may or may not be present. An inability to digest milk products is common.

These symptoms can be caused by non-HIV specific organisms such as salmonella, shigella, campylobacter, giardia and Entameba histolytica. The most common HIV-related causes include MAC, cryptosporidium, CMV, Isospora belli, microsporidia and HIV itself.

The first step in the diagnosis of these symptoms is to examine at least three stool samples. Viral cultures from rectal swabs are also easy to perform. If no organisms are found in the stool, there is some controversy about which procedure should be done next. Some clinicians would first do a sigmoidoscopy (a scope which is inserted through the anus and rectum and into the last part of the large intestine) or a colonoscopy (this scope is longer and can go further into the colon). Only if these procedures, with biopsies, failed to reveal any organisms in the colon would they then proceed to an endoscopy with collection of fluid and biopsies of the small intestine. Others would do the endoscopy first, especially if they suspected involvement of the esophagus or stomach in addition to the intestines.

The only way to diagnose microsporidiosis is with an electron microscope. A biopsy sample should be sent specifically for this type of study. In addition, special types of stains are required to see some of the other organisms. In laboratories where these stains are not routinely used, the doctor must order them specifically. It might be helpful to discuss which organisms the lab will be looking for, and if any special stains or procedures must be ordered.

There is no standard treatment for cryptosporidiosis, although there are at least two new compounds currently in, or soon to enter, clinical trials. People with this infection have often tried a variety of approaches which have been suggested to be effective in a small number of peo-

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Imuthiol: Confusion Continues

As our last issue went to press, we learned that Imuthiol (also called diethyldithiocarbamate, ditiocarb or DTC) was being withdrawn by its sponsor, Institut Mrieux of Lyon, France, after disappointing results from a preliminary analysis of a large clinical trial in France—results suggesting that study participants did better on placebo than on the drug. No one knows why this study turned out so differently from the previous large, placebo-controlled trials.

The French study assigned 1,600 volunteers to receive either Imuthiol or placebo. Most of the 1,600 were asymptomatic, but a subset of 120 did have AIDS-related symptoms; the results for this subset were similar to those for the study as a whole. Spokesperson Sandy Kaufman of Connaught Laboratories, Inc., in Swiftwater, Pennsylvania—a company recently acquired by Mrieux and now acting as its representative in the United States—gave us the following breakdown of disease-progression percentages during the two-year trial:

	Imuthiol	Placebo
Progression to ARC	24.7%	19.9%
Progression to AIDS	16.5%	10.3%
Opportunistic infections	10.7%	7.4%

It is hard to interpret these numbers without more information; they do, however, give a sense of proportion about the size of the difference this study found between treatment and placebo groups. These figures are preliminary and will probably change somewhat when the data is analyzed further.

These results contrast with those of all previous placebo-controlled trials of Imuthiol. The largest of these earlier studies gave Imuthiol or placebo for six months to 389 symptomatic HIV-positive volunteers at medical centers in the United States. There were about twice as many AIDS-defining opportunistic infections in the placebo group as in those using Imuthiol; however, no survival benefit was seen with the drug.

Could Imuthiol be helpful during the first six months of treatment, but then do more harm than good later? Possibly—but one physician has seen good two-year results with Imuthiol combined with acyclovir. (The French study did not combine the drugs; for this and other reasons, the results are not directly comparable.)

Persons now using Imuthiol face what may be a difficult decision of whether to continue the treatment until more is known—using Antabuse as a substitute, or possibly generic DTC, if Imuthiol becomes unavailable—or to stop now. A meeting of Imuthiol researchers has been scheduled for September, but we do not know when a final report (or other new information) will become available.

For AIDS researchers and the community as a whole, it will be important to learn more about why major Imuthiol trials have produced such different results. One difference between the studies is that the earlier trials lasted six months, whereas the new one lasted two years. Six-month data from the recent French trial would be easy to tabulate, and it would answer critically important questions. If Imuthiol looked good at six months but bad at two years, there would be serious practical consequences for other drugs which might have a similar mechanism of action, since long-term trials would be required to test them. But if the new data from the French trial already looks bad at six months, then something other than the length of the trial must have caused the difference between the new study and the previous trials.

Some physicians and patients who have used Imuthiol believe it is too early to give up on the drug until more is known about why the study results have been contradictory.

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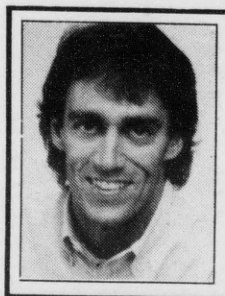

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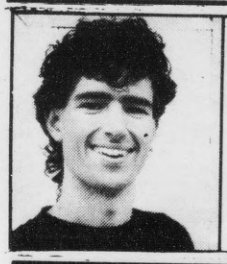

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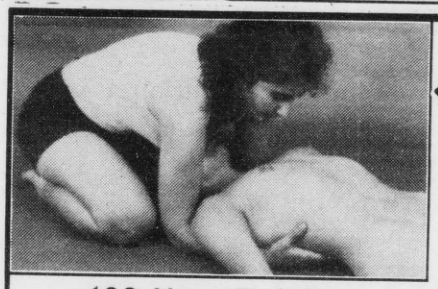

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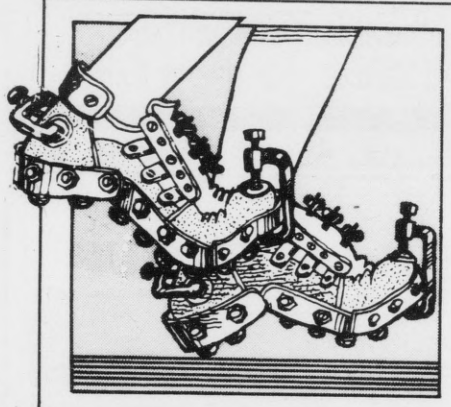

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ple. Although some people have experienced symptom improvement and a decrease in the number of organisms found in their stool when using each of these compounds, including paromomycin (Humatin), diclazuril, spiramycin, and hyperimmune bovine colostrum, none of the reports have demonstrated a very high rate of cure or improvement.

566C80, the same drug which is being tested in people with PCP and toxoplasmosis, is also being studied in people with cryptosporidiosis or microsporidiosis at the NIH. This study requires a total of twelve days of hospitalization at the NIH, and approximately eight additional visits to the clinic (every two weeks). Although there is a placebo involved, the design contains a cross-over, so that everyone will receive at least 10 weeks of 566C80 and 10 weeks of placebo.

In order to be eligible for the study, participants must have an AIDS diagnosis or fewer than 200 T-helper cells. They may not have any infections other than cryptosporidiosis or microsporidiosis which could contribute to their diarrhea (e.g., CMV colitis, MAC, etc.). ddI and ddC will be allowed, but all other investigational agents, including paromomycin, diclazuril, spiramycin and bovine colostrum, will not be allowed during the study (previous use is okay). Several diagnostic procedures, including endoscopies and colonoscopies, are required. For more information, call Kristin Ownby, R.N., at (800) 772-5464, extension 305.

The second new compound is letrazuril, a drug which is related to diclazuril. It is thought that one of the reasons that response to diclazuril is erratic is that the drug is not very well absorbed. It appears that letrazuril will be better absorbed. Investigators both in and outside the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) are currently planning clinical trials with letrazuril. It may be several months before these trials open, however. When they do open, information on where they are being conducted and whom to contact will be available by calling (800) TRIALS-A.

Microsporidiosis is a relatively newly recognized opportunistic infection—unknown until recently because it is difficult to diagnose. There have been anecdotal reports of the use of Flagyl, Bactrim and pyrimethamine which have suggested some activity. There is also an anti-worm drug called albendazole which has been tested in a very small number of patients in Britain. It is not approved in the United States.

In addition to the 566C80 study described above, some investigators believe clarithromycin and/or azithromycin may be helpful in microsporidiosis. Neither of these drugs is approved in the United States; both may be available through some buyers' clubs.

DISEASES OF THE COLON (COLITIS) AND RECTUM

In contrast to the large volume diarrhea associated with small bowel disease, colitis is usually associated with very frequent (up to 30 per day), small volume diarrhea, which may contain bright red blood and/or mucus. Mild cramping and lower abdominal pain, a feeling of urgency to have a bowel movement, inability to control the bowel movement, and pain with a bowel movement may be present. In some cases, spiking fevers and rapid weight loss can result in significant debilitation.

Common causes of colitis in people with HIV include CMV, cryptosporidiosis, shigella, Entameba histolytica (amebiasis) and campylobacter infection. Herpes, chlamydia and KS may also rarely cause these symptoms. Non-HIV related ulcerative colitis may be detected. Finally, colitis may result from the use of broad spectrum antibiotics, which allows an organism called Clostridium difficile to cause disease.

Diagnostic procedures include stool samples, sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy with biopsies, and occasionally CT or barium contrast studies. Treatments for CMV and cryptosporidiosis have been discussed in previous sections.

Rectal infections, including chlamydia, gonorrhea, CMV or herpes, may cause pain in the anus or rectum, discharge with pus, and/or diarrhea. Rectal swabs should be examined. Cancer of the rectum or colon can also occur in HIV-positive individuals and should be considered in the diagnosis of the symptoms discussed in this section.

(Note: There is often significant overlap in symptoms, and they do not always fit into the descriptions presented above.)

DIAGNOSING DIARRHEA

Almost every person with HIV infection will have to deal with diarrhea. In some cases, the diarrhea may come and go without causing significant problems. However, when diarrhea is causing weight loss, fatigue, or altering your daily activities, you will probably find yourself going to the doctor. We present much of the same information as above, but organize it so that you can think of how your doctor may be considering your symptoms. We also include some information on therapies to control diarrhea and on nutritional management.

Diarrhea can be caused by a large number of organisms, including the viruses CMV, herpes, adenovirus or enterovirus; the protozoa cryptosporidium, microsporidium, entameba histolytica, intestinal spirochetes or Isospora belli; the bacteria MAC, shigella, Campylobacter jejuni or C. difficile; and the fungi cryptococcus or histoplasma. Diarrhea can also be a side effect of drugs being used for other infections. HIV itself is thought to be responsible for diarrhea in a significant number of patients. Frequently, more than one of the organisms listed above may be involved at a given time.

Diarrhea can result from infection or cancer (KS or lymphoma) in the small intestine (called enteritis) or in the large intestine or colon (called colitis). The specific symptoms commonly experienced when the disease is located in these two parts of the GI tract are described above. Some of the organisms can be seen in stool samples, and the doctor must often remember to order special procedures which are not routinely used in the laboratory. There are two kinds of stool samples that a doctor should request: ova and parasites (also called O & P; ova are eggs) and stool cultures.

When no organisms can be isolated from the stool samples, it is often necessary to do a sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, and/or endoscopy. These procedures involve inserting a flexible rubber tube with a light and lens at the end, observing the tissue with the naked eye, and taking small pieces of tissue for examination under a microscope. Depending on the procedure, the scope is inserted through the mouth or the anus. Barium enemas or swallows with X-rays are often used to look for problems in the small or large colon as well.

These procedures are not comfortable, although sedating medication makes it easier. They are, however, often crucial in order to make a diagnosis. It is extremely important that physicians who are doing these types of exams remember that often more than one organism is involved; they should not necessarily stop looking for organisms in stool or biopsy specimens after they have found one.

DIARRHEA SYMPTOM CONTROL

Clearly, the first choice in managing diarrhea is to treat the underlying cause. However, adequate treatment is not always possible, leaving symptom control as the only option. The drugs used most commonly for the control of diarrhea include Imodium, which is available over the counter, and the prescription drug Lomotil. In addition, some physicians recommend aspirin or aspirin-like compounds (indomethacin, ibuprofen); we have heard that among these, indomethacin may be the most effective. The aspirin-like compounds do have side effects, including ulcers, and so should be used cautiously. Some opiates, like long-acting morphine sulfate, paregoric and tincture of opium, are sometimes prescribed, although they are addicting and have significant sedative effects.

An injectable drug called Sandostatin has also been helpful for some people, although it is very expensive and not all insurance companies will cover it. There are some on-going clinical trials using Sandostatin. Call (800) TRIALS-A for more information. We have heard that in some cases people stop responding to Sandostatin if too much is being used, and that they have to reduce their dose. We have not been able to confirm this observation at press time, but if you are using Sandostatin and it is no longer effective, you may want to talk with your doctor about decreasing the dose.

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the quality of life in our city. He wrote San Francisco's abortion rights policy and the gender parity amendment, and enacted a law ending discrimination against women in laundry pricing.

Don't be confused by the Agnos camp's media campaign aimed at driving Hongisto out of the mayor's race. Richard Hongisto has never flinched from controversy. He is very definitely in the race to win. He is a consistent leader of government reforms, progressive politics and social justice.

San Francisco is in a state of crisis. We want a city we can live in. Richard Hongisto is our best bet for mayor.

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon
San Francisco

Alioto For Mayor

After several weeks of agonizing over who to support in the upcoming mayoral election, finally there is a candidate I can support without hesitation. That candidate is Angela Alioto. Supervisor Alioto is the only candidate who will return credibility back to the Mayor's Office. After almost four years of false promises, vindictive treatment of those who dare to disagree with the high-holy Mayor and cheap lip service to the gay and lesbian community, the time has come to tell Art Agnos goodbye!

Supervisor Alioto has been the strongest voice for proper health care in this city. Last year when the Health Commission threatened the funding for the Early Intervention Center, Supervisor Alioto immediately took the Commission to task and made sure the Center's funding was not threatened. Where was Art Agnos while all this was going on? He was more concerned with a downtown ballpark than the health care of people with HIV disease. When the Mt. Zion Mental Health Center was threatened with closure, Supervisor Alioto was the first to fight for additional funding to keep the Center open. Many patients dealing with HIV/AIDS issues depend on the services Mt. Zion provides. What was Art Agnos' response? Cut funding, close the Center and tell Mt. Zion's patients to get on a bus and wait for unknown hours at SF General.

I am sure that when Supervisor Alioto becomes Mayor, we will have a health services budget that will ensure that all San Franciscans can receive the health care they are entitled to. There will be adequate funding for youth services. Health Center #1 will not be turning new male patients away, as it is now. And most importantly, we will have a Mayor who will listen to our concerns, not ignore them.

As someone who has been living with HIV for the past six years, I certainly do not want to depend on Art Agnos to provide the health services I, and so many others, need to stay alive. Supervisor Alioto has been there when we've needed her. The same cannot be said for Mayor Agnos.

The time has come for a change. I thought Art Agnos would follow through on his campaign promises. He has not. Instead I have watched this city go into decline while the Mayor shows more concern with getting even instead of getting things done! With Angela Alioto as Mayor, we will finally have the leadership Mayor Agnos cannot provide.

Jerry Windley
San Francisco

SF Women Against Rape

As anti-rape activists and counselors with San Francisco Women Against Rape (SFWAR), we commend you for your article addressing the seldom-raised subject of woman-on-woman sexual assault. Unfortunately, we feel your article created a false impression that no real services are available in this area for survivors of assaults by other women.

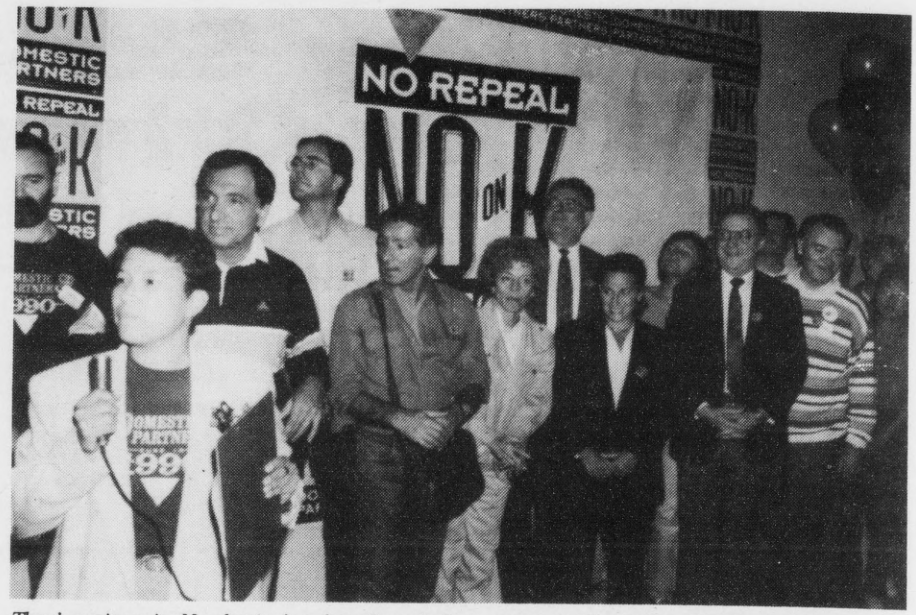
As lesbians in the anti-rape movement, we are acutely aware of the pervasive homophobia and heterosexism in that movement. We are forced to fight it on a daily basis. It is probably also true, as your writer implies ("The Other Side of Sexual Assault: When a Woman is Raped by a Woman," by Victoria Brownworth, *SF Bay Times*, August 1991), that some lesbians are ideologically committed to the position that women are incapable of hurting other women. We at SFWAR are realists, however, and know that is not true.

The fact is that our agency *has* worked with a number of women who were raped or assaulted by other women. Our organization recognizes that woman-on-woman rapes *do* occur, that they are very serious, that the rate of reporting is much lower than that for heterosexual rapes (which is itself less than 10 percent) and that it is an issue which urgently needs to be brought forward. We also recognize the sharp difference between consensual S/M and sexual violence. We believe that the majority of violence against women is perpetrated by men, because of the institutionalized power men have over women in our society—that is, because of sexism. But just as all men in this society learn sexism, so all women internalize sexism, which leads some women to be violent toward other women. This is especially likely to occur in relationships where a power imbalance already exists due to racism, classism, ageism or ableism.

We cannot guarantee, nor could any service agency, that lesbians will not encounter oppression on our hotline, any more than we could make such a promise to women of color, disabled women, older women or poor/working-class women. We can, and do, guarantee that when we learn that a caller feels she was treated insensitively by one of our counselors, we believe her, investigate the situation, and take actions to make sure it is not repeated.

It is ironic that your writer polled rape crisis centers in Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles and Miami for the article, but apparently did not bother to talk with any rape crisis center in the Bay Area. It is particularly unfortunate that the referrals given at the end of the article did not include any agency which works specifically with sexual assault survivors. We believe that not only our agency, but a number of others in the Bay Area, offer services to women who have survived assaults by other women. While we have the highest regard for CUAV and WOMAN, Inc., they would doubtless agree that it is really most appropriate to refer rape or sexual assault survivors to agencies which specialize in sexual assault.

Lesbian counselors are always available from our agency for on-phone or in-person counseling. We urge anyone who feels that they, or anyone they know, has experienced homophobia, racism, oppression or cultural insensitivity on our hotline to call our office at 861-2024 so that we may improve our services to the community.



They're at it again: No, that isn't a photo from the last campaign. The fundamentalists have filed a ballot initiative in San Francisco to try to repeal Domestic Partners legislation. The No on K (that's us) campaign held a kick-off rally Aug. 24 attended by all of the candidates for mayor. If you'd like to volunteer to stop this current attack, call campaign headquarters at 252-5638.

San Francisco Women Against Rape's 24-hour hotline can be reached at 647-7273. SFWAR also provides in-person counseling, support groups, advocacy and counseling for family, friends and partners of survivors.

Kate Raphael, Melanie Boyd
Jennifer Kanenaga, Becky Rolfe, Zoe Sutton
for San Francisco Women Against Rape

Crisis Intervention at SF Rape Treatment Center

I was shocked and dismayed by the article entitled "The Other Side of Sexual Assault: When A Woman is Raped by a Woman" by Victoria Brownworth, published in your August issue, as it seemed to imply that the quoted experience of the crisis-line caller took place in the San Francisco vicinity. The article further implied that there are no lesbian-sensitive services available locally for rape survivors or for lesbians in violent relationships. Both of these implications are totally untrue. I further question why there was no investigation and/or contact by the author with the SF Rape Treatment Center to ascertain the level of services available.

As the Director of the San Francisco Rape Treatment Center, I want to clarify that we have treated many lesbians, as well as gay men and heterosexual men and women, who experienced sexual assault or attempted sexual assault by male or female assailants. We provide lesbian-sensitive counseling, medical, and advocacy services during the entire process of recovery from sexual assault, beginning at the initial contact through any interface with the criminal justice/legal system.

We provide a crisis line available 24-hours a day with trained and sensitive staff offering crisis intervention counseling and information and referrals. We provide comprehensive medical examinations by specially trained Nurse Examiners and brief therapy by licensed professionals. Our staff is aware of domestic violence in lesbian relationships and of "date rape" between women, and they are prepared to provide counseling and appropriate referrals. Our staff is equally aware of how painfully difficult it is for any lesbian to call about such an occurrence and would never insult or disbelieve any such caller.

San Francisco is fortunate to have two 24-hour crisis lines for women who have experienced sexual assault or attempted sexual assault—ours and San Francisco Women Against Rape. Neither of our agencies was contacted regarding the information in the article. Further, there is a specialized comprehensive program for lesbians in battering relationships at WOMAN, Inc. To omit this information from the article does an injustice to any lesbian who needs these services.

It is my hope that the *SF Bay Times* will print another article reflecting the resources in our community and perhaps letting us hear from lesbians who have been served by these agencies.

We are committed to offering lesbian-sensitive services and we encourage lesbians to use our free and confidential services at any time.

Marilyn M. Lewis, LCSW, MPA
Director
Liz Naidoff
Clinical Coordinator
San Francisco Rape Treatment Center

Sensationalism

I'm caught inside the funhouse mirror of the *SF Bay Times* again. It's upside down and thin where it should be wide. I had just calmed down from the last distortion, you know the one where I, as a lesbian, was oppressing my bisexual brothers and sisters, when the first of another month arrives to find me coming back for more. Hungry for lesbian and/or gay news, I crack the pages to find, back-to-back, young gay white males described as sensitive unwitting victims, and a Black lesbian characterized as a brutal rapist. Kim Corsaro may well be the Maury Povitch of Lesbiana, but, hey, doesn't anyone on the staff have a grip?

You guys (gals and bi's), this really *is* important. We don't have a lot of homo-identified monthly reading options in our world. If I keep ingesting your textual illusions, I may have to chuck it all and go for re-programming.

How about a little reality check and a twist-tie on the sensationalism?

PS: Are you working for the CIA, or what?

Tamara Griffith
Oakland

Gay & Lesbian Domestic Violence

We are writing in regards to the recent coverage of Irene Chan's murder of Ni Win in the *San Fran-*

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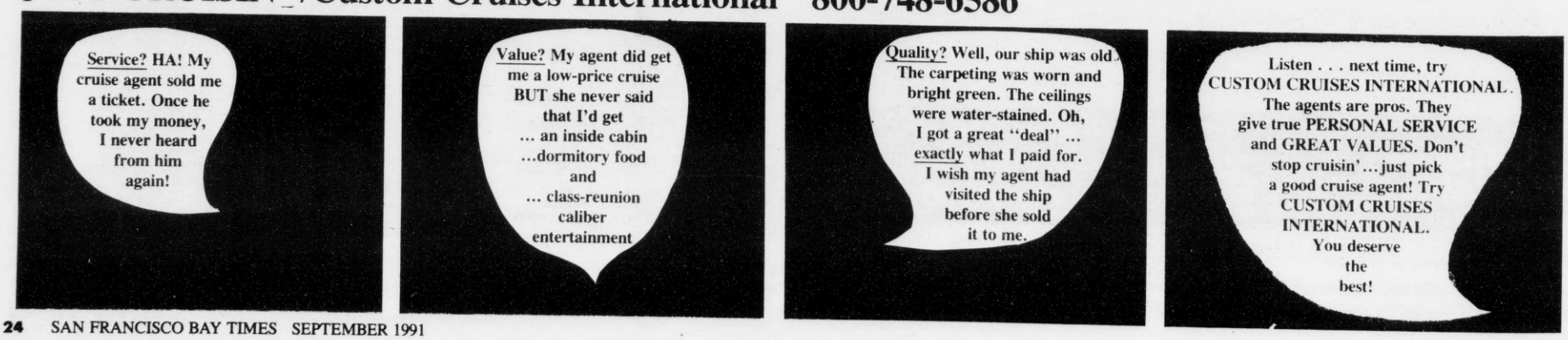
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cisco Chronicle on 7/30/91 and 7/31/91. The articles illustrate several essential points about lesbian battering, particularly the homophobic denial of gay relationships and of domestic violence within those relationships.

We can't know the exact nature of Chan and Win's relationship. But the absence of discussion remains negligent: Neither article refers to Chan and Win as lovers nor outlines a motive. This refusal of the press, and the police, to speculate as to the nature and motive of the incident is homophobic and harmful. Had a male perpetrator left Chan's note, which said if Win left the relationship she would be killed, his actions would be regarded as domestic violence and immediately and publicly identified as such. Battering and abuse exist within gay and lesbian relationships. Homosexual batterers abuse their partners for the same reasons heterosexual partners do: They are seeking control and power in the relationship. In this case, Chan acted as many men do when their wives or girlfriends try to leave them: She killed her partner rather than letting her go.

Our Coalition is working to end lesbian and gay domestic violence and to provide services for both the abused and the abuser. There are at least two necessary prerequisites to this work: Gay and lesbian relationships must be named as such and abuse in these relationships must be acknowledged.

Kari Fantacone
On behalf of the Bay Area Coalition to Stop Lesbian and Gay Domestic Violence

Clarify "Violence"

In her very thoughtful article on lesbian sexual assault, Victoria Brownworth quotes Jeanie Morrow of WOMAN, Inc., as saying that if a woman "kicks the door or slams the door really hard...this is a definite sign of impending physical violence." If so, it's been impending for a long time in my case. After 40 years of kicking and slamming doors in anger, I have yet to hit, or even want to hit, a woman.

I don't wish to deny the reality of lesbian battering; my friends include lesbians who have been battered, and I have known lesbian batterers. However neither do I wish to be labeled as a batterer myself because of the way I treat inanimate objects.

There may be other dykes just as temperamental as I am toward structural components, and no more violent toward women. I hope they will not be treated with unfair suspicion.

Rebecca Ripely, Lesbian Door-Slammer
Menlo Park

Woman-To-Woman Violence

This is in response to your article on woman-to-woman rape in the August '91 issue. I want to thank the paper and the author, Victoria A. Brownworth, for addressing this volatile issue. It is one of the very few articles on the subject that has appeared in the U.S. queer or straight press. I was also glad to see that the author identified the places in the nation that are providing services for survivors of lesbian violence.

However, there are several things about this edition of the paper, and this article in particular, that were troublesome to me. First, I was appalled to see that the *SF Bay Times* chose "Gay Men and Their Roaming Hands" as the cover story instead of racism in the mayoral race, lesbian violence, or the racist and homphobic political moves at SF Community College.

Second, the title of the article "The Other Side of Sexual Assault: When a Woman is Raped by a Woman" does not accurately reflect its content: sexual assault between two adult lesbians. Instead of focusing on the broad issue of woman-to-woman rape, the author moves from lesbian date rape, to lesbian battering, to lesbian S/M and to lesbian domestic violence. These issues may be connected, but the author erroneously implies a direct and exclusive link between S/M and battering in the lesbian community to female-female rape.

Third, the author limits woman-woman rape to lesbians only. This type of violence encompasses a much broader spectrum of experiences than those mentioned. For example, the article fails to address: adult straight women who rape women or girls; same-sex incestuous relationships; and other types of queer rape involving lesbian, bisexual and straight women.

Fourth, it was also alarming to see that the only example of lesbian battering involved a Latina and African-American couple. Strangely enough, the picture that accompanied the story was that of a white woman survivor.

Last, in the future, I would like to see articles that address woman-woman violence and rape in all its forms, shapes and colors. Please note, this problem is not limited to lesbians only.

Mary Dougherty
San Francisco

No Favoritism at City College

The article in the August issue written by Val Phoenix about City College of San Francisco administrative appointments ("Playing Politics with Appointments") included a number of errors and omissions that require clarification.

First, no administrator was "ousted" from the college. Several officials from the college informed the reporter that every administrator is given at a minimum a faculty position at $50,000 annually to teach about 15 hours per week, as guaranteed by previous rules.

Second, there was no "stonewalling" by the college in turning over information about those individuals who were appointed as administrators. Initially, legal counsel for the college recommended that members of the public receive summaries of the resumes, a policy designed to maintain privacy in areas such as addresses, home phone numbers and information about family members. This policy fell in line with past procedure. During the unprecedented reorganization, which involved the appointment of 46 individuals, there was difficulty collecting and distributing the resumes to all departments that needed to process them, including personnel and the public information office. The chancellor's administrative assistant, who already had been working extra hours through the interview process, made the effort at the reporter's request and under the direction of the chancellor, to photocopy each resume and then blacken the addresses and phone numbers.

Furthermore, representatives of the public information office were portrayed as working overtime to smooth things out. Actually, at the time of the reorganization, the office was comprised of two people, compared with four during the school year ending in late May. One of those remaining two was out of town during the first week in July on a previously scheduled trip.

Third, the reporter omitted information or erred in reporting about some of the new appointments. For example, Phoenix credited Frank Chong and Dale Shimasaki only with working for Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, while omitting other noteworthy qualifications. Chong was a director for Asian Mental Health Services, holds an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, and holds a bachelor's degree in Asian American Studies from UC Berkeley. Shimasaki is a candidate for a Ph.D. in education administration from UC Berkeley, where he earned a master's degree in public policy and an AB in economics. He also founded Asian and Pacific Americans in Higher Education. Darryl Cox, who once worked for Supervisor Willie Kennedy, also earned a master's degree from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Judy Teng, whose sister was elected to the college board last fall, has been an affirmative action officer and worked as a counselor at the Chinatown campus during her 15 years with the district, and holds two master's degrees. Stephanie Galinson was not a friend of the chancellor's executive assistant, and Fred Sonenberg was not well acquainted with board member Tim Wolfred.

Finally, the dismissal of Laurie Rose as a qualified administrator because of her "twentysomething" age is offensive. In fact, the youngest dean ever to be appointed at City College was 25 years old. Her name is Rosa Perez.

Mari Sullivan,
Director of Public Information

Donna Mooney,
Public Information Officer
City College of San Francisco

Stop Prosecuting Needle Exchange

An Open Letter to Alameda County District Attorney John Meehan:

You ought to be ashamed of yourself for deciding to prosecute the Berkeley Needle Exchange (NEED) given all the recent evidence that needle exchanges are indeed positive tools to stop AIDS (Toronto and New Haven studies, National Commission on AIDS, National Conference of Mayors, and MacNeil/Lehrer). You can bet that I will work diligently for your defeat in the next election because, unlike the San Francisco and San Mateo DAs, you have chosen to be complacent while AIDS rages on (2,000 cases in Alameda County). Your prosecution of responsible people trying to stop the AIDS epidemic is unconscionable, and given the recent acquittals in Boston, New Haven, New York and Redwood City, a waste of taxpayers' money.

Needle exchange to stop AIDS is legal in Hawaii, Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Boulder and New Haven because local health, police and legal officials fought for their right to exchange in court. You ought to be working to challenge outdated California law regarding exchanges rather than nonchalantly letting AIDS keep spreading.

No studies and no officials where needle exchange

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occurs claim that it leads to increased drug use. In fact, many say it acts as a bridge to treatment.

England, Scotland, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Australia and Canada have had national exchanges for up to six years. No complaints from anyone and much lower AIDS rates than Alameda County.

Why don't you lead the way in AIDS prevention, not prosecution?

For the County's Health,

John Iversen
Member, County AIDS Advisory Board
Former Berkeley Health Commissioner
Co-Founder, ACT UP/East Bay

Witnesses Needed for Castro Fag-Bashing

At 3:55 am Saturday, August 10, 1991, we were suddenly and brutally attacked by a carload of five young men. The attack took place on Castro Street, next to Davies Medical Center.

The attackers were organized: One remained at the wheel, two held the doors open and two attacked us, trying to silence us by stealing our whistles and trying to knock us unconscious.

They were very quick, and they knew what they were doing. Clearly, they have assaulted people before, and if allowed to remain free, will do it again.

We were fortunate. We sustained severe injuries, but we were able to fight back and we survived. We yelled for help and people responded by turning on lights and opening doors. Clearly, the attention was what caused our assailants to stop. We wrote down their license plate number as they drove away.

The attackers were all dark-haired men between the ages of 18 and 25, with light brown skin, standing between 5'8" and 5'11", weighing between 170 and 200 pounds. The car is an old brown Chevy station wagon. We believe they live outside of San Francisco, but have made "visits" to our neighborhood before. They must be stopped.

Several people came to our aid, including nurses at Davies and residents of the neighborhood. Three people took us into their home. There were at least three separate calls to 911. We want to thank these people and also the paramedics who helped us, the emergency room staff at Davies, and the SFPD.

Let this be a lesson to all of us. We need to stick together, help one another, and halt this violence. If you witness an attack, call 911 and let the attackers know you are watching from a distance. If you are attacked, YELL! Try to remember details including physical descriptions and license plate numbers. If you hear homophobic language, remember and tell the police.

We need anyone who witnessed the attack on us or any attack involving suspects matching the description to please come forward.

We urge people with information to contact the SFPD Hate Crimes Unit immediately at (415) 553-1133. We would also like you to call us at (415) 681-2922 and Community United Against Violence at (415) 864-7233. We cannot allow the bashers to be free to bash again. Thank you.

Richard Johnson, Berkeley
David Clark Witkin, San Francisco

SF Weekly Smears Hongisto

An Open Letter to SF Weekly:

I represent Michael Barnette in his police brutality lawsuit stemming from the October 6, 1989, police riot in the Castro. As Mr. Barnette's attorney, I deeply resent your use of Michael Barnette as the latest pawn in your smear campaign against Richard Hongisto.

Because I was present at all of the police commission hearings regarding the Barnette case, and because your "reporter" apparently didn't bother to interview anyone who was, let me begin by correcting factual inaccuracies in your 8/21/91 article:

The so-called "surprise witness", David Lange, testified that he saw two motorcycle officers leave the ARCO station and attack a citizen who was in his 40s and wearing a brown leather jacket. Mr. Lange stated that one officer hit the man in the stomach, causing him to double over and fall. Then, according to Lange, one of the officers pushed a newspaper box on top of the man, jumped on top of the box, and repeatedly hit the prone man about the head with his baton.

Michael Barnette was 19 years old and wearing a mustard-colored cardigan sweater on October 6. Consistent with *all* of the eyewitnesses who were actually standing near Michael Barnette that night and who testified before the police commission, Mr. Barnette identified Capt. Cairns as the officer who approached him, then felled him with one, over-the-head baton strike to the face. Mr. Barnette's medical records and injuries verify that he was struck once in the head—not multiple times, and not in the stomach.

In short, contrary to your article, Lange did not tell the commissioners about an attack which was "the exact manner in which Barnette was clubbed."

The Agnos-controlled police commission made a political decision to exonerate Cairns on the Barnette charge, in a pathetic attempt to placate both the police—who were justifiably angry that Cairns was being scapegoated for everything that happened on that infamous night, and lesbian/gay/bisexual rights advocates—who were justifiably outraged about what happened in the Castro and demanding blood. Predictably, this Agnos-inspired strategy satisfied no one.

The innuendo of your hit piece—that Richard Hongisto directed police officers to attack Michael Barnette—is ridiculous, irresponsible and completely off-the-wall.

In the first place, Mr. Hongisto was a member of the Board of Supervisors and had no authority over the police department. The only two mayoral candidates who could have influenced police activity that night are Agnos, who was mayor, and Jordan, who was police chief.

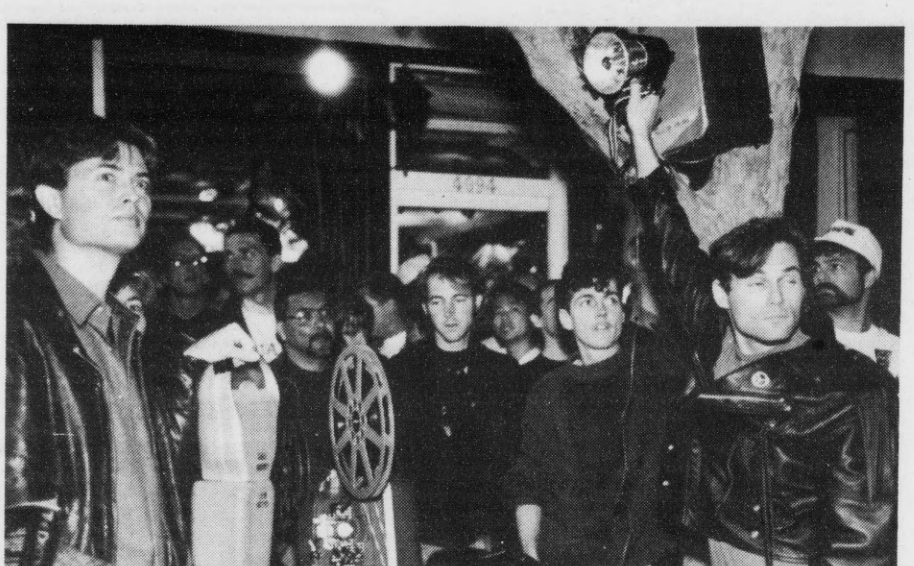
In the second place, of the group of attorneys, activists, observers and responsible journalists who have investigated the October 6th happenings in detail, and who have studied and generated hundreds of pages of documents about that night, *not one* of us has uncovered even the slightest hint that Hongisto had anything to do with it.

In the third place, there is no reasonable doubt that Dick Hongisto went to the Castro that night *after* the sweep was conducted, in response to a plea from his gay staff member. And it is undisputed that the sweep didn't even begin until well after Michael Barnette was put in the ambulance and sent to the hospital. Your supposed "eyewitness," Tony Travers, must have been in two places at once to see Dick Hongisto at the ARCO station and Michael Barnette down on Castro Street at the same time. It is interesting that this "eyewitness" never told his story to the Office of Citizen Complaints or any responsible authority, though two years have passed since the police riot that night. It's also interesting that the "eyewitness" is Police Commissioner Gwenn Craig's good friend, and an Agnos political ally. But these are just facts, and why let facts get in the way of a good hit piece, right?

Finally, your contention that Hongisto "didn't come forward with information about his presence...until Monday" is a complete falsehood. Then-supervisor Hongisto talked about his presence at the scene at the Board of Supervisors meeting immediately following October 6 1989. If no one ever discussed it again, it's because there was nothing else to say.

I cannot stop you from your weekly campaign of fabricated stories and sleazy innuendo against Richard Hongisto. However, in the future, at least have the decency to leave my client out of the path of your mudslinging.

Walter G. Parsley
Attorney
San Francisco



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Over 450 people turned out in the Castro to watch an outdoor showing of "Stop the Church"—the film pulled from the P.B.S. "Point of View" series—and to speak out about censorship of queer images on P.B.S.

Hongisto Hit Pieces

Since April, a hit campaign has been run by *SF Weekly* editor Marcelo Rodriguez. A hit piece has been written every week! It has gone beyond mayoral preference. It is a scandalous program of slander and innuendo. Every citizen and journalist should be outraged.

In the current issue of *SF Weekly* (8/21/91), the hit piece involves "Hongisto's presence at the gas station, long rumored within police circles." This was not a rumor—it was public from the start. Hongisto came at the request of gay activists to observe police behavior. Tony Travers, an ardent Agnos supporter, is the only so-called eyewitness, who claims "Hongisto (was) at the ARCO station during the violence, including the Barnette clubbing." It is impossible to see the ARCO station from the site where the clubbing occurred, especially the back of the ARCO station. How was Tony Travers a witness to both events simultaneously? Furthermore, why did he not reveal this "suspicious" information until now? I could go on but I'm sick to my stomach.

Franklin Gong
San Francisco

Good Queer vs. Bad Queer, Cont'

Omlid vs. Kielwasser, continued...

I must confess that I find it sort of fun to have my beliefs labeled "frightening." (Al Kielwasser, with his romanticizing of the term "bad queer," would certainly understand this feeling.) It becomes significantly less fun, however, when this label is based on such a thorough misunderstanding of the points that I'm trying to make. I'd like to take this opportunity to clear up Kielwasser's misconceptions.

Somehow, Kielwasser has gotten it into his head that I am frightened of political debate. I quote: "Omlid's dictum for queer harmony: be polite, not political." *Nothing could be further from the truth.* My friends who have read Kielwasser's letter have laughed out loud at his description of me as "polite." They know that I have strong opinions and am willing to debate them at the drop of a hat. (They're constantly telling me to keep my voice down on BART trains or wherever.) Even those who don't know me personally should be able to figure out that I am committed to political discourse; otherwise, why would I always be writing these letters to the editor?

No, I don't object to Kielwasser's wanting to debate issues. What I object to is his willingness to take that extra step and turn arguments into personal attacks. A person's political opinions are simply *not* an adequate measure of their worth as a human being. (For those of you out there who are saying, "What about Jesse Helms?" I would reply that what makes Helms and his ilk the scum of the earth is not their conservative politics, but their bigotry. Remember, many so-called "liberals" are, deep down, just as homophobic as Helms.) Kielwasser's favorite word, "assimilationist," is just as meaningless as the term "politically correct." Both terms are *ad hominem* attacks that inhibit rather than promote true debate.

And that, I feel, is why Kielwasser's slash-and-burn style of debate is so irritating: not because it's mean-spirited and unfair (which it is), but because it's ineffective. If you come up to someone and say, "I think you're absolutely wrong; here's why," that inaugurates a meaningful dialogue that stands a chance of bringing that person around to your way of thinking. If, instead, you tell them that their beliefs are "repulsive," if you say, "You're an assimilationist, fuck you," the other person will become offended and defensive, and you have no chance of changing their mind. Despite what Kielwasser thinks, I wasn't really accusing him of trying to "stifle queer voices" (that remark referred specifically to the proposed *Sentinel* boycott); however, I must say that personal attacks do not create an atmosphere conducive to intelligent debate.

One other misconception Kielwasser holds is about my opinions on the *Basic Instinct* controversy. I was all for the protests of that vile film; I simply objected to the specific tactic of actually disrupting the shooting. Again, my main objection to this tactic was practical; its use enabled the producers to whine to the media that they were being censored, and undoubtedly caused some to lose sympathy for the cause. I'm sure that those using that tactic were doing so out of righteous and justifiable anger, but anger is not enough. If a protest is merely the raw expression of anger, and no thought is given to moving hearts and minds to the cause, then it is just so much wanking. I prefer the reasonable, if no less angry, approach of groups such as GLAAD (whom I have recently volunteered for). And, incidentally, if the protestors' rights were truly violated by the police and "Carolco thugs," I certainly condemn that. Infringement of free speech is just plain wrong, no matter where it comes from, and we must remember that we gain no advantage over our oppressors if we use their tactics against them.

In closing, I'd like to say that I really don't resent Al Kielwasser as much as he seems to resent me. I don't mind having my beliefs challenged, and I'd rather have it done by someone with the guts to sign his letters and stand behind his opinions than an anonymous coward littering my answering machine. He's obviously an intelligent guy, and I hope that he learns someday that *ad hominem* arguing is futile and divisive. I also hope he learns to question his own beliefs, eschew dogma, and not waste his time on misdirected hatred. Then, his arguments will be far more effective.

Steve Omlid
San Francisco

Scapegoating the "Mentally Ill"

In his letter to the August *SF Bay Times* ("Eat the Rich") John S. Connolly III asserts that the problem of homelessness is largely the result of the deinstitutionalization of the "mentally ill." Generalizations such as his are not only inaccurate, but they shift the focus away from the real causes of homelessness: the dwindling commitment of the Reagan and Bush administrations to low-income housing, the tax policy of those same administrations which gave enormous tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans (hence dwindling resources for social service programs), the half trillion dollar financial burden imposed by the savings and loan swindle, and, of course, the generally troubled state of the American economy—with layoffs, unemployment, etc.

People labeled "mentally ill" are scapegoated and dehumanized. They are coercively drugged with dangerous neuroleptic "medications," which cause brain damage, tardive dyskinesia and immunological damage. The kinds of symptoms associated with those labeled "mentally ill," like disorientation, slurred speech and involuntary muscle spasms, are actually the result of years of neuroleptic drugging.

"Mental illness" is a social control construct designed to keep people in denial about the pervasive state of emotional discontent and addiction within American society. The term "mental illness" suggests that the crisis of meaning, the alienation and the despair exist only among a mentally aberrant group. It maintains the illusion that the American

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way of life is a healthy, meaningful way of life, and threatens punishment (i.e., psychiatric "treatment") for those of us who dare to challenge that illusion.

Rather than risk identification with the "mentally ill," people learn not to talk about their frustrations and their pain. They learn to numb themselves to business as usual. That is why Valium is the most prescribed drug in America and why alcohol abuse is epidemic.

The dichotomy between mental health and mental illness only feeds our oppression. People in general are just too fucked up to be going around calling anyone else "mentally ill." We need to be as real with each other as we can possibly be if we are to empower ourselves.

Rose
Oakland

Who Is Jeffrey Dahmer?

I can't get Jeffrey Dahmer out of my mind. Is he a "monster" as one woman described him on TV, or is he "one of us," as stated in a recent *Examiner* op-ed piece? He has certainly done monstrous things, and obviously his mind doesn't tick quite like most folks', but what has he really done?

To lure and kill African men as his victims is racist and genocidal, but to eat them means that they have something that he felt he needed for sustenance and nourishment. He has committed "hate crimes" on one hand, but what did these men have that Jeffrey didn't have, and didn't know how to get in any other way but to kill and eat it? Isn't this the most logical and barbaric extension of the hate/fear/envy that exists among many white people toward people of African descent, and in particular Black males?

European America has created a society that makes it very difficult for an African person to succeed, except in certain fields of endeavor. Yet, while denying opportunity, white people have also created a mystique about the athleticism, physicalness and sexuality of Black men. The African American man has become the "other," the "exotic," the "stud," and increasingly the "violent dope fiend" and the "one to be feared." Anything but a complete human being, full of the same needs, emotions and desires as everyone else.

I do not want to relieve Jeffrey Dahmer of any of the responsibility for his crimes, but I do want to place what he has done in the context of the objectification and dehumanization of the Black male that permeates every institution of this society. In this way he is "one of us"; only the means are different.

Charlie Hinton
San Francisco

Boycott France

I'm surprised that we haven't seen a spate of letters or editorials simultaneously condemning French Prime Minister Cresson's egregious homophobic remarks of late with a call for a boycott for all things French. France is one of the richest countries in the world, and I feel very strongly that if the French people are going to allow their second-in-command to promulgate the kind of filth she did recently, that we all must respond by refusing to support the perpetuation of that wealth until a formal, international apology and some form of reparation is made (eg,. Cresson might do some public service advertising against homophobic violence).

I personally will discontinue buying Evian, Perrier, French wines, foods, clothes and all other French products until that apology is made. I also urge all queers, gays and lesbians and anyone else with any consciousness to do the same.

Cresson may actually have scored a coup for the respective American products by deflating the mystique around what are generally becoming inferior to our own anyway.

As for traveling to France, why bother? Any self-respecting queer now knows that they will be entering a country whose irresponsible leadership unapologetically despises them. Don't support them, boycott them; get them where it hurts most and let them know why. It's never too late to fight back.

Frederick Hovey
San Francisco

"Reparative" Therapy

The Psychotherapy Book Club recently featured *The Reparative Therapy of Male Homosexuality* by Joseph Nicolosi. While Dr. Nicolosi offers a small disclaimer by stating that "reparative therapy is not a cure in the sense of erasing all homosexual feelings," he goes on to state that "as a result of treatment many men have been supported in their desired commitment to celibacy, while others have been able to progress to the goal of heterosexual marriage."

Proponents of "reparative" therapy claim that since some homosexual men do not identify as "gay," they should be helped to suppress homosexual feelings. As a clinical social worker, I have seen the result of attempts by many homosexual men to repress same-sex attractions. These include low self-esteem, suicide, dishonest marriages and unsafe sexual acting out. Internalized homophobia should not be used as an excuse to collude with society's oppressive attitudes toward homosexuality.

Cathleen Esposito, managing editor of the Psychotherapy Book Club, acknowledges that "Reparative therapy of male homosexuality arouses controversy" and invites response from those who "have experience in this area." Many gay therapists are aware of the deleterious effects of this approach to gay men in therapy, and are organizing a response. I thought it would also be helpful for gay consumers of psychotherapy services, especially those who have experience with so-called "reparative" therapy, to respond as well. You can write to Cathleen Esposito, c/o Psychotherapy Book Club, Northvale, N.J. 07647.

Rik Isensee, LCSW
San Francisco

Gays In The Military

An Open Letter to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney:

I am writing on behalf of gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans. As a veteran of WWII and Korea, having served more than 18 years of active duty as an enlisted man and officer, I feel more than qualified to question a recent statement of yours.

First, if you pass this letter on to some subordinate to parrot the Department of Defense's (DOD) destructive directive on homosexuals in the military as has been done in the past, you defeat the purpose and efforts of concerned citizens to have dialogue with you. We all know the policy. It does not have to be repeated by those controlled by "command influence." What we don't know is the reason for the policy, unless it is bigotry and hate.

I question your recent statement, "It's tougher in the military to separate out private from professional responsibilities, if you will, especially when you get into certain settings...[like] naval deployments at sea [when] a large number of people [are] in a small, confined space for a long period of time." This type of statement is continuously made without foundation and substantiation. It is conjecture on the part of most making this broad statement.

The DOD has made many studies concerning homosexuals in the military and not one of these studies supports your view. Since you have inherited this discriminatory policy, it seems that in all fairness you should review these DOD studies. It should be noted that your department has made every effort to hide or destroy these studies since they do not support the DOD's archaic and destructive policy.

I would like to review only one of the many reasons given in the DOD's studies and substantiated by the General Accounting Office, as to why homosexuals should be allowed to serve. Most homosexuals are discharged because of their sexual orientation, very few are discharged because of sexual misconduct. Most homosexuals are detected because of the military investigator's unreasonable methods of interrogation, such as the most recent case of Capt. Greg Greeley, USAF. Capt. Greeley's treatment was mild compared to some. Threats by investigators, to court martial, give prison terms or expose those under investigation to family members, have caused many to give names of honorable, patriotic and hard working service members. This has led to many good people receiving other than honorable discharges, prison terms and some even committing suicide. Sexual orientation should not be the reason for investigation and discharge. Sexual misconduct should be the reason for an investigation, which is the case for heterosexuals.

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ACT UP/Golden Gate Protest: Responding to a couple of Oakland dentists advertising their HIV-negative status, ACT UP did a small educational sit-in, charging the docs with profiting off of AIDS hysteria.

Finally, addressing your comment about close living, about 3 to 5 million homosexuals have served in the Armed Forces in the past 50 years. Over 98 percent honorably completed their tour of duty or retired. These millions have been able to separate their private life from their professional responsibilities. We have all remained extremely professional. Why then, out of only 100,000 detected and discharged, less than 5 percent of those detected was for misconduct. Even then most of the so-called misconduct was not for public exposure or indecent public acts, but that of sexual activity with a consenting adult in private. The close-living argument is invalid and without foundation.

Mr. Secretary, generally in the past you have seemed to be a reasonable, caring and sensitive person. If you feel that you cannot rescind the DOD directive 1332.14 which allows this destructive policy, please review the studies that the DOD has already produced. It should be noted that all the studies are in favor of homosexuals serving. There has never, never been a study that supports the DOD's discriminatory policy. It is unfair to make statements without studying the facts that are available in your own department.

There are now 16 gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans organizations in this country, and we are growing. Any number of notable people are available to meet with you and discuss this overwhelming and outrageous discriminatory policy. It is respectfully requested that you apprise yourself of the DOD's own studies on homosexuals in the military, and the high poll ratings which state that 65 percent of Americans believe that homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the military. Your comprehensive study of these reports is the only fair thing to do. Then you can make statements without conjecture.

Mr. Secretary, it is time for the military to follow the standards now set by "we the people," the American public. With over 200,000 homosexuals currently serving in the military, it makes no sense at all why it takes hundreds of military intelligence agents, thousands of man hours, to successfully seek out less than one percent of these harmless patriotic service members. If the military intelligence agents were doing their job, of protecting our nation's security, the Walker "family" might not have eluded them for so long a time, even at that, the Walker "family" wasn't detected by the military or any other intelligence agents.

Mr. Secretary, please end this unfair treatment of patriotic American citizens. Rescind DOD directive 1332.14 and other applicable directives.

Thank you for your most recent support of civilian homosexuals in the DOD. It is now time to extend your support to American citizens serving in our Armed Forces.

Chuck Schoen, First Officer
Veterans C.A.R.E.
Nice, CA

Thanks From Rink

Thanks to all the *SF Bay Times* readers who voted me Gay Community Awards Photographer of the year. I appreciate your support, and the encouragement granted to me by the *SF Bay Times* staff and management. This is the kind of appreciation that has made it possible for me to photograph our community since 1969.

Rink Foto
San Francisco

Successful Blood Drive

On behalf of the Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund, I wish to thank the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank of the San Francisco Medical Society, Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, the *SF Bay Times* and particularly the women's community of the greater Bay Area for their participation in our Seventh Annual *Women's Day Blood Drive*. The annual outpouring of support from women in our community has enabled us to successfully maintain a group account that has kept pace with the escalating numbers of transfusions, which advances in AIDS treatment has created. This account serves two purposes: providing PWAs a means of alleviating transfusion costs and helping to insure that blood is available for health needs during critical summer shortages.

Each summer our blood drive has attracted the support of well over 100 women, many who might not have previously considered donating blood. While our fund was primarily begun by lesbians responding to the community effort to combat HIV disease, it has been augmented by many of Irwin Memorial's own pool of donors who seek to give to our project. We have found that involvement with the blood drive has had a profound effect on those who wish to contribute and make a difference. Because recent Blood Bank regulations have narrowed the eligible pool of donors, we continue to find that the bulk of our donor pool continues to be sustained by eligible women.

For those who missed our August 17 event and who would like to donate blood to the Harvey Milk group account, appointments may be made directly with Irwin Memorial Blood Bank at 567-6400. Anyone interested in information about our Blood Fund or receiving blood credits to reduce transfusion costs may call Lenore Chinn at 863-6761.

Lenore Chinn
Director, *Women's Day Blood Drive*
Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund

Call on the Governor to Sign AB101!

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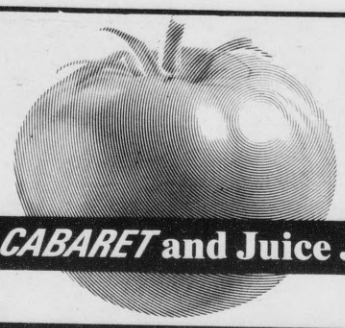
AB 101—the gay rights employment bill—looks well on its way to clearing the California Senate, leaving its fate in the hands of our governor. This is the time to give him a call! His office number is (916) 445-2841; ring him up, let him know you support AB101, and tell him why.



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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

A Jovial Ingression

On Wednesday the 11th at 11:02 pm (Pacific Daylight Time) Jupiter makes his quasi-annual change of sign, this time entering Virgo. According to the old astrologers—from Claudius Ptolemy of Roman Egypt to Alan Leo of Victorian England—this signals a wonderful year for Virgos. Jupiter, the "Greater Benific," actually remains in everybody's horoscope one way or another, so correctly approached, it could be a good year for anyone. It's all just a question of how, where and when.

"How" is easy. While Jupiter is in Virgo good luck comes best through attention to detail, organization, skills development, exercise and supportive criticism. All of that sounds dreadful to a lot of folks, but all these things are easier to manage while Jupiter is in Virgo. Virgoans themselves will get the best of it.

People born between June 11, 1958, and October 5, 1971, have Pluto in Virgo. Sometime in the next 12 months these folks will have some philosophical or religious experience that will open them up to a sense of having great power—or a strength through connexion to a "higher power." In Christian jargon this would be a manifestation of divine grace—but that's theologically speaking. Don't sign up for any dance contests.

Those of you born from August 11, 1962, to September 28, 1968, will experience this "grace" in a very special manner, as you have Uranus in Virgo. You shall enjoy political and technical insights which could be very empowering—or you could just uselessly piss off a lot of people. Virgo is a sign of thoughtful discipline. Put it to good use.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: You've lately been showing off a fun side to your nature. Or should I say, "exhibiting an exuberant side?" (No. I know what you're thinking, but Pee Wee's a Leo.) That bold creative side, your enthusiasm for pleasure, is moving into a more critical, constructive style of expression. Still fun, but now more intent on skill and ability than just having a good time. You're soon coming up to a lucky period with work, so this really is a good time to combine fun with effectiveness. Exuberance now can pay off later.

TAURUS: There is no better time for you to do some major housecleaning. Better yet, a sidewalk sale! Bartering around domestic effluvia can be profitable, but right now you're also in an ideal position for real estate deals. If you have the capital and the means, this is the time! Profit from the ground you're standing on could also take the form of gardening, developing a housecleaning business or learning decoration skills. Your newfound enthusiasm and abilities may be a bit much for housemates to keep up with. (We know how you are with anything once you get started!) Don't start off on anything that concerns others without letting them in on it. Stay open and clear and they'll support you.

GEMINI: Your mouth does tend to get away from you even in your most discreet moods—and lately you've been as loquacious as ever. You'll soon be a little more guarded. More to the point, you'll be thinking more carefully about your words, expressing yourself more critically as well as thinking more self-critically. This is a likely time to start becoming a tad more bitchy, perhaps more cleverly so. Save it for pen and paper and spare your friends while you still have some. This is a wonderful time to brush up on writing and math skills.

CANCER: You've been experiencing mighty good luck with money lately. That may be coming to an end soon. (Timing depends on your actual birthdate.) Not that you have bad luck coming, just the end of this boost. Your good luck will then focus more toward communication, perhaps short travels. In the meantime you can benefit by putting your finances into order. This is an excellent time for bookkeeping. It's also a good time to take stock of your personal values. Life has been bountiful lately, but you may need to make some serious choices soon. What really is important to you? Don't think of it as sacrifice; think of it as housecleaning.

LEO: You've been awfully full of yourself lately, and why not? The fact that you're growing a bit self-critical is not a problem for you. You get to look at yourself from slightly different angles and try new methods of self-expression. You're in a phase of general good luck right now that will lead specifically to good luck with money sometime in the next year. Taking stock of yourself, looking at what you have to work on, as well as what you have to offer is very much to your advantage.

VIRGO: Sometime in the next 12 months begins a lucky year for you. In the meantime, blessings are coming in disguise. The most horrible things that are happening to you can serve a wonderful purpose in the long run. You may feel that you are being severely tested, and it's true. As you are brought face-to-face with unpleasant inner truths, you can find the ability to move out of your past and gain freedom from the pain that confronts you now. It's all old stuff that you've been holding in much too long. Right now is not pretty, but you'll be very glad for this process when it's over. (Kinda like an enema.) You're inclined to be very self-critical right now, but as you take stock of yourself, remember to give yourself credit for your virtues and successes. *Happy Birthday: Barb Voss, Marcus Wonacutt, Gaetano Amarosi, Frank Dennie, Darrel Haven, Bob Dern, Rondo Mieczkowski, Jenne Blade!*

LIBRA: Friends who've been very boldly affectionate and appreciative of you will now show their support and affection by offering supportive advice. What, don't you appreciate constructive criticism? Of course you do, but you'll be rather amazed by the bluntness of it all. In a sense you're inviting it by your own suddenly shrewd, analytical perceptions of the future and your society. You may do especially well in politics right now by utilizing those shrewd perceptions, and by knowing exactly what you can expect from your friends. *Happy Birthday: Maggie Rubenstein!*

SCORPIO: Your enthusiasm to get ahead has been quite apparent lately. Now it shifts toward enthusiasm to be more effective. This could manifest as "helpful suggestions" to the boss, or if you're the boss, to the rest of the workplace. Be careful of that critical enthusiasm coming across as bitchy. Invite others to share their ideas. Your insight these days is quite effective, but it works best as other ideas come into play. Modesty wears well these days. By looking well to your own business you can get ahead more easily.

SAGITTARIUS: Having had every grand opportunity to pontificate on any and all subjects, you now have every opportunity to find flaws and discrepancies in any philosophic or metaphysical argument. Hopefully you'll hone in on sharpening your own mind, but it is easy to take on lesser tasks and correct everyone else in sight. This is, in fact, a great time to develop your own mind, perhaps starting courses in philosophy, language or foreign studies.

CAPRICORN: Tell Doctor Ruth to move over, you've got "goot zex" down to an art, and now you can get it down to a science. Jupiter entering Virgo signals enthusiastic play focusing into skills development, and this little shift is in your house of rooms rented by the hour. Alas, Eros and Thanatos are linked in astrology as in so many other things. You may be providing lots of highly skilled support to folks on the way out. Whether your friends are cumming or going, you'll feel like a revolving door. This is a busy and challenging time for you. Be sure to take time to take care of yourself properly.

AQUARIUS: This is your lucky year for partnership, but what has worked in the recent past (bold enthusiasm) won't work quite so well now. Try being a little shrewder, more analytical, a bit more attentive to details. A clean, well-scrubbed appearance will help. Not to imply that you're unhygienic, but you'd do especially well now to pay particular attention to the little things that make up your appearance and demeanor. Any criticism you have of your partner could be well received right now, but take care to be diplomatic, kind and supportive in any of your helpful little insights.

PISCES: Good luck at work will soon give way to good work in relationships. In the meantime concentrate on health and work. This is an excellent time to develop skills that will help you out at work; itsy, drudgy things like bookkeeping or word processing are where you should be focusing your attention now. Or in a creative field concentrate on technical details. This is also a good time to check up on any health issues while you still have particular good luck in this field.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

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1 ■ SUNDAY

Lesbian Uprising! Lake Tahoe Trip—Make your reservations early, see 9/20 listing for details.

A La Carte/A La Park: SF's biggest outdoor dining event unfolds at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Includes the culinary wizardry of over 50 restaurants, including many of SF's best-known chefs and an extraordinary assortment of wines. Also fine jazz entertainment. Info: 383-9378.

California Men's Gathering has chosen "Confronting Racism: Accept the Challenge," as the theme of its 14th Northern California Men's Gathering at a wooded camp ground in the mountains above Saratoga, 10/11-14. Address fundamental aspects of individual identities, grief over losing one's heritage, and the language of one's forefathers. Confront both victim & oppressor roles, conduct serious work on the limitations of men's traditional behavior. A safe place for all men to express their feelings, desires, wishes & dreams, and be accepted for who they are. People of color, younger, older and/or physically challenged people are particularly welcome. Wheelchair Accessible. Registration fee: $100-400 SL fee, partial scholarships available. For info call 979-5582.

Witness for Peace deadline for early registration, see 9/27 listing for details.

Golden Gate Promenade Run with SF Frontrunners. Meet 9 am at the Marina parking lot across the street from the Marina Safeway for a flat 5-mile run to Fort Point & back.

10th Annual SF Urban Fair: Annual blockbuster celebration of San Francisco. Today & tmw at Civic Center Plaza, SF. 10 am-7 pm, carnival remains open till 10 pm. Features lots of zany contests, performers, special programs for kids, skateboard competition & nonstop entertainment. Tix: $5 gen'l, $4 youth under 18, kids under 5 are free. Seniors 55 & over $2, $3 per person after 6 pm. Info: 557-8758.

Sausalito Arts Festival: Annual Labor Day Weekend extravaganza, today & tmw in Sausalito. See Parents & Kids Box for details or call 332-0505.

Gay/Lesbians of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science meet for brunch at The Good Earth in Santa Rosa. 12:15 pm. For more info call Judith (707) 763-6197.

FINALE! the closing party for 890 Folsom, SF's safe sex clubhouse. Party begins at 3 pm with a open house, social hour & "garage sale". At 5 pm K'thar Sissies lead a ritual to bless, celebrate, and close the space. Party continues till 10 pm with laughter, reminiscence & hot safe sex in the 890 style. Everyone urged to bring memorabilia to post on a display board which will become part of a memory book given to the Gay Archives. 890 Folsom, SF.

Salsa at El Rio with *El Grupo Sinigual. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.*

The Hungry Ear: Music for keyboards, voices & tape by Charlie Buel, Warner Jepson, Matthew McQueen & Wolf Thurmeier, presented by the Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers. 5 pm, $6. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

The Hungry Ear: Works for Tape, Keyboard & Voices. A concert of new works by gay composers Charlie Buel, Warner Jepson, Matthew McQueen & Wolf Thurmeier at Josie's Cabaret. 5 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Tuck & Patti in Concert at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm. Info/res: 885-0750.

Hard Words/Live Acts: A sizzling line-up of experimental works & dramatic readings by artists & writers exploring the parameters of performance. At The LAB. This month's artists include: 9/1—Kevin Killian, 9/5—Ester Amy Fischer, Shayne Naudi & Minoo Hamzavi, 9/6—*Absolut Manpussy* and Dee Russell, 9/7—Bob Flanagan, 9/8—Kate Bornstein. 8 pm, $7 gen'l, $6 stdnts. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info/res: 346-4063.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid: A very different kind of musical at Josie's Cabaret. A sexy, irreverent, sometimes nasty look at gay male lives. Focuses on the dreams, fears & memories of a group of gay men facing their HIV test results. Runs thru 9/29. 8 pm Thurs & Sun, 7:30 pm Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Page Hodel Announces Grand Opening of a new dance club for Women—Wet, at 11th & Folsom, SF. Special guests: comic Karen Williams & SF's premier female rapper, Latti. Tonight & every Sunday at 9 pm with 2 DJs (Mixtress Page Hodel & Annie "Fingertips" Buerhaus); pooltop dancing under the stars, light show/videos, sober, fresh fruit juice bar, fantasic food, beautiful women!

2 ■ MONDAY

Labor Day Run with SF Frontrunners. Meet 10 am at 485 Mountain Home Road in Woodside for your choice of runs from 3 miles and up, followed by potluck/mtg. Bike ride in the afternoon if you have enough energy left after playing in the pool. Meet 9 am at the Market/Church Safeway to carpool.

Bi-Friendly SF meet at 7 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals & bi-friendly others are welcome!. Tonight & 9/9, 16, 23 & 30. Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 9/16 at 7:30 pm at The Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph Ave at Parker, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-7734 or Susan (510) 524-0574.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign-up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

3 ■ TUESDAY

Winchester Mystery House Tour for people with HIV: Spons by Shanti Project Activities Program. An outing to San Jose's seemingly endless mystery house. $4 per person, scholarships available, sign-up required. Call 777-2273 and ask for the Shanti Events Line.

Needle Exchange Trial: On 7/4 Berkeley police arrested Scott Halem for exchanging new syringes for used ones. His trial begins today at the Berkeley Municipal Court, 2000 Center St, Berkeley. Please attend. Call 547-7538 for info. Today thru 9/6.

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 1-3 pm today & 9/10, 17 & 24. Women & men are welcome. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

"Discovering Your Inner Strengths," a talk by Kathryn Joy at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Ministry of Light meets at 7:30 pm for Rosh Hoshanah & Yom Kippur ritual. For info/location call 457-1115.

KLITZ Sex Parties for Women: Videos, private rooms, play space. $5-10 SL donation includes complimentary food & beverages. Info/location: 864-1543. Tonight & 9/10, 17, 24.

4 ■ WEDNESDAY

Needle Exchange Trial in Berkeley, see 9/3.

Mayor Art Agnos dedicates Hope House, a new 10-bedroom AIDS residence at 220 Dolores Street, SF. 11 am. Representatives from various healthcare agencies & AIDS organizations will be present. Refreshments served. Info: 861-6251.

Lesbians Over 60 Support Group meets today & 9/18, noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Bring a brown bag lunch. Info: 626-7000.

Discovery—Men's Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today & 9/18 at 333 Turk St, SF. 2nd floor. Today's topic: AIDS—A virus and/or a state of mind? 9/18 topic: Is MCC the only religious group that welcomes gays & lesbians? Groups led by George Birimisa. 2:15 pm. Info: 626-7000.

Lesbian Uprising! Book Group discusses *Lesbian Ethics Vol 4* (issue on class). Socializing at 6:30 pm, mtg begins promptly at 7. For info/location call 626-7821.

Total Touch Massage Drop-in group oil massage for men. A nonsexual event. Open to all men who want to explore touch with other men in a group situation, in a safe, pleasant & fun environment. Nurture feelings of love & respect for ourselves & each other. Limited to 15 people. Group begins promptly at 7 pm, no one admitted after this time (you should arrive anytime btwn 6:45 & 7). $15 per person. Tonight & 9/11, 18, 25. 109A Douglass St btwn Market & 17th (Castro area), SF. Info: David Jay 621-8142.

Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) Business Mtg: 7-9 pm. For info/location call 883-5444.

Bi-Friendly UC meets tonight & 9/11, 18 & 25 for a support group & social on the Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & their friends are welcome. For location, time & other info call Betsy (510) 845-7441.

SF Hiking Club Monthly Social/Mtg: Program is a repeat of Clyde Wahrhaftig's June workshop on topographic maps. Construct relief models of favorite hiking areas using maps, modeling clay, rolling pins, etc. Learn how to locate, translate squiggly lines into hills, valleys, crests & canyons; how to locate where you are, and how far & steep it is from where you want to go. 7:30 pm. Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, on Collingwood nr 18th St (behind Cala Market, 1 block from Castro), SF.

Global Riot: Comic Suzy Berger directs this premiere gay & lesbian comedy improv group. Plays every Wednesday in Sept thru 9/25. 8 pm, $8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Joe Houston & Mitch Woods in concert at Great American Music Hall. 8:30 pm. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Comedy at El Rio with Dexter Madison, Maureen Brownsey, Ed Crasnik & Karla Carmony. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

5 ■ THURSDAY

Needle Exchange Trial in Berkeley, see 9/3.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Spons by the AIDS Legal Referral Panel. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions/problems. Tonight & 9/12, 19 & 26, 6:15-8:30 pm. 114 Sansome St, SF. Ste 1103. Call AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454 for an appointment.

Bereavement Seminar offered by Hospice by the Bay. What can you say to a friend who is grieving? How do you reach out to comfort & care? Come discuss these issues, develop a deeper understanding of the grieving process. 6:30-9:30 pm. Call 673-2020 for more info.

Live Comedy & Dessert Buffet with Karen Williams. Benefit for the Western Addition Family of Hope Center which provides codependency & children of alcoholics services. Desserts provided by Just Desserts, Sweet Inspirations, Baghdad Cafe, Douce France and others. 7 pm, $20 per person. Info: 861-2566.

Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group meets 7 pm at 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Classical nude modeling by sensuous actor Andy Tabbat. Info: 621-6294.

Rounds Singing for Women: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom. Elizabethan, French, African, Appalachian, Latin, Hebrew & Spanish traditional & contemporary rounds taught. Haunting harmonies & complex rhythms to make you swoon. No musical experience necessary. Thurs eves: tonight & 9/12, 19 & 26, 7:15-9 pm. For info/location call Kay 285-9642.

At Black Oak Books: Author David Gates reads from *Jernigan*, his first novel. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Hard Words & Live Acts at The LAB, see 9/1.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author, lectures on "Improving Communications with Self & Others" tonight at Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Bldg A. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 srs & youth. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

Women Write Mystery: At Old Wives Tales Bookstore—an evening of new & favorite mystery writing with authors Lauren Wright Douglas, Mary Bowen Hall, Gloria White, and Pele Plante. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Cody's Books: Photographer William Webb, longtime friend & neighbor of author Henry Miller, discusses his book *Henry & Friends: The California Years, 1946-1977*, a tribute to the author & those who shared his life during the Big Sur & the Pacific Palisades years. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

PointFix, a multi-disciplinary movement theatre group, presents "Exposures", an exploration of what life is about in the close of the 20th century. Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, discounts available for people with AIDS, students & srs. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info: 621-7797.

6 ■ FRIDAY

Shanti Volunteer Sign-Up Day: 50

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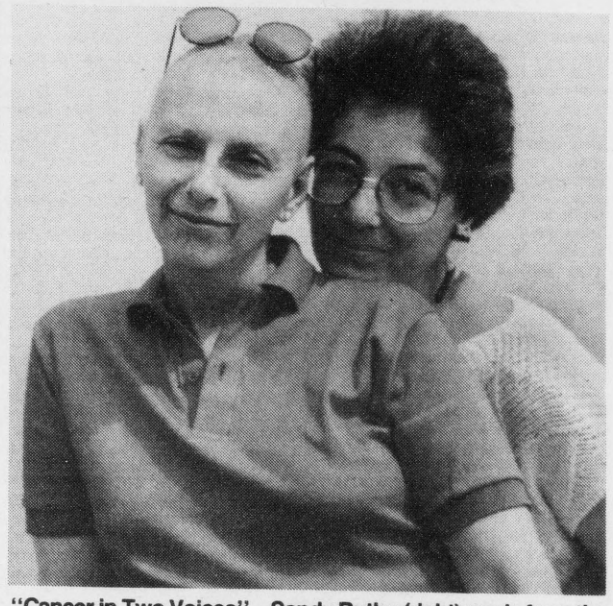
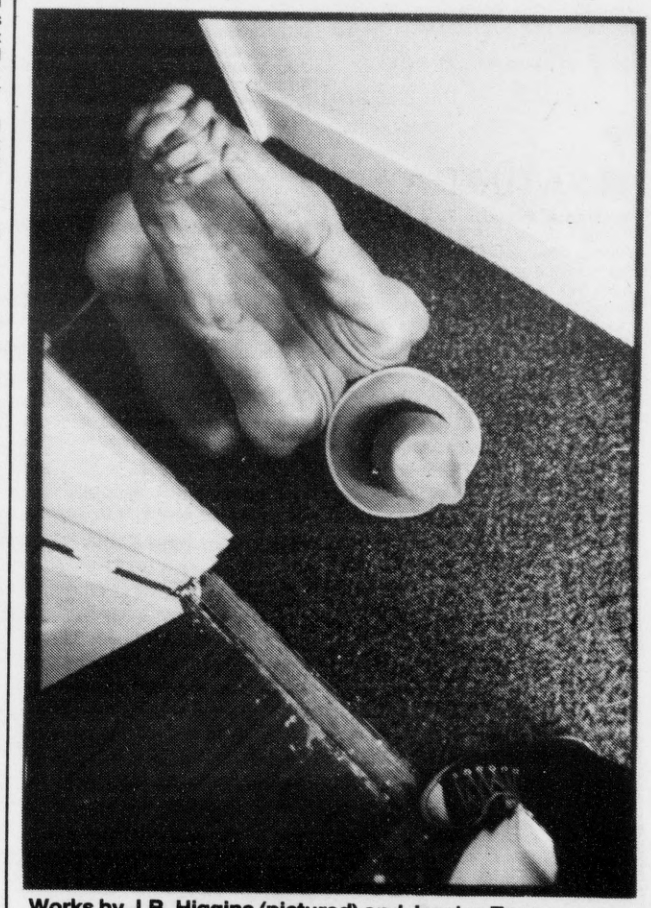
At the first-ever Gay Day at a SF Giants Baseball game, Gay Softball League ace Daniel Warner will throw out the first pitch. The day's events benefit the Shanti Project.



"Cancer in Two Voices"—Sandy Butler (right) reads from the work she and her late lover Barbara Rosenblum wrote through Barbara's illness. A benefit for Old Wives Tales. Sept 24 has details.



Works by J.B. Higgins (pictured) and Jessica Tanzer are on exhibit at Art Lick this month. Gallerys has info.

new volunteers are needed to provide practical assistance to people with AIDS in SF—cooking, cleaning, chores & childcare. Training on 9/13-15, but early sign-up is required. Call Mike Frederickson 777-2273.

Needle Exchange Trial in Berkeley, see 9/3.

BWMT Rap/Social Night: Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion on "Confronting Racism in the Lesbian/Gay Community". Doors open at 6:30 pm, raps begin promptly at 7. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Facilitated by Peter Eggenberger, Calvin Lowery is greeter. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served.

"Confronting Racism in the Lesbian/Gay Community," is the topic of tonight's Rap/Social Night spons by BWMT (Black & White Men Together). Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap starts promptly at 7. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served. Facilitator Peter Eggenberger, greeter Calvin Lowery.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish Lesbians, Bisexuals & their women friends. Join us in letting go of the week and bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmooze & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color & Sephardic women are especially welcome. Bring a substantial vegetarian dish to share. SF location. 7:30 pm. Call 550-8960 to RSVP & get location.

Jessica Hagedorn, performance artist, poet, playwright & radio commentator reads from *Dogeaters* (just published in paperback). 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Sonia Johnson reads from her new book, *The Ship That Sailed into the Living Room*. 8 pm at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Women only. $6-8 SL. Info: 428-9684.

Hard Words & Live Acts at The LAB, see 9/1.

Japanese Bamboo Flute with Mizuno Komei & John Singer. Part of Old First Concert series. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF. Info/res: 474-1608.

The Red Angel: Author Vivian McGuckin Raineri reads from her biography of Elaine Black Yoneda, a lifelong activist in the Bay Area labor & communist movements. 8 pm at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

World Beat at El Rio with *Nzinga*. 9 pm-2 am, $3. Tonight & 9/13, 20, 27. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Dance Party with *Pride & Joy* at Great American Music Hall. Tonight & tmw, 9:30 pm, $10. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Over Our Heads: Women's comedy improv group plays Josie's Cabaret tonight! 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

One Man, One Voice: A reading by legendary beat poet Jack Micheline at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. 10:30 pm, $4. Info: 558-8112.

7 ■ SATURDAY

Inspiration Pt/Tilden Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Dr or Shasta Rd. Continue on to Wildcat Canyon Rd, follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Pt. Meet 9 am in parking lot on left. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Estero Trail Hike (Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore) with SF Hiking Club. Hike follows the east shore of Drakes Estero & offers panoramic views of the Estero, Inverness Ridge, Drakes Bay, Limantour Spit & Pt Reyes, with surprise changes of land & seascape at every turn. 7 miles roundtrip. Easy, with gradual ascents & descents. Bring lunch, canteen & sunscreen. Rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, Sf. $11 cost per car, to be shared among passengers. Includes bridge toll. Leader: Jim Gordon.

The LEGACY Center volunteers hold a meeting to decide on the site for Sonoma County's first lesbian & gay community center—join us! 10 am in Santa Rosa. Call the LEGACY Line for details: (707) 526-0442.

Marin Miniature Show, Sale & Exhibit: 10 am-5 pm today, 11 am-4 pm tmw. Beautiful dollhouse miniatures for sale by talented craftspeople. Handcrafted dollhouse collectibles, furnishings & accessorires. Exhibits, hourly door prizes, silent auction benefitting Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Marin Center Exhibit Hall, Civic Center Drive, San Rafael. $4 gen'l, $2 kids under 12. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 897-9585.

African Violet Society of SF holds its 37th Annual Fall Sale today at the SF Fair Bldg (Hall of Flowers), 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park. Plant sale from 10 am-4 pm. Displays of African Violet specimen plants & show plants; many different varieties & sizes of African Violets & related Gesneriads. Demo at 1 pm on planting, growing & fertilizing, info on pests & different watering methods. Admission free. Info: 751-6037.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity: Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss lesbian relationships, work on sexual identity issues, learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression, begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. 10 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL fee. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). Info/res: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," a one-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. Spons by Options Institute. 10 am-4 pm, $60. SF location. Info/reg: 821-1015.

Wkend College Program for Working Adults Informational Meeting: You may be able to complete your BA in as little as 12 months thru New College's program of weekend classes combined with independent study. Integrate your personal & political issues with broadened perspectives on growth & change. Come to today's informational meeting, 10:30 am-noon, New College of Calif, 777 Valencia St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Info: Ruby Neal 626-1694, ext 162. Mtgs also held on 9/14, 21 & 28.

Beginning Tarot Class with Susan Levitt. Noon-3 pm. At Two Sisters Bookshop in Menlo Park today, at Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek on 9/21, at Red Rose Gallerie in SF on 9/22. Info: 927-4170.

Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance September Meeting: 6-9 pm. General mtg, followed by potluck dinner. Contribution requested to help cover the rent. Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St, SF. Info: Richard 863-0212.

Controversial author Sonia Johnson (*From Housewife to Heretic, Wildfire*) discusses her new book *The Ship that Sailed into the Living Room: Sex & Intimacy Reconsidered*. 7 pm at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, corner of Todd & Stony Point Rds, Santa Rosa. 7 pm, $9-12 SL fee. SIGN. Tix available in adv from ClaireLight Bookstore. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"Loony Tunes" program at ATA Gallery, part of their Other Cinema series. Obscure, odd, underground musical films featuring diverse artists including Butthole Surfers, Sonic Youth, Bad Brains, Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole, Liberace, Spike Jones, Louis Prima and Keely Smith, Johnny Cash, Grateful Dead, Doors, Jackson Five, Petula Clark and many more. Plus live performance by *The Two Mugs*. Free beer. 7:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 648-0654.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/1.

Jazz Vocalist Kitty Margolis at Asta Restaurant & Bar, One Rincon Ctr, 101 Spear St, SF. 7:30-11:30 pm. No cover.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Wild women blues with singer/guitarist Dianne Davidson in concert. 8 pm, $7-10. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Melanie Monsur in Concert at KBBK Studios. 8 pm, $6. 465 Broderick St, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Women Who Laugh Too Much: Join this seasoned troupe of actors & improv pros for a night of laughs to benefit La Casa de las Madres, a battered women's shelter in SF. 8 pm, $7-10. Women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Join Girth & Mirth Club for their third "Impromptu Saturday Night" at 176-B Page St, SF. Come meet your fellow gay chubbies & chasers at their own clubhouse! 8-11 pm. BYOE (bring your own everything). Info: 824-0260.

Hard Words & Live Acts at The LAB, see 9/1.

Pride & Joy at Great American Music Hall, see 9/6.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Williams, Maureen Brownsey & Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio with *Wannabe Texans, Gunulne Diamelles & Myself A Living Torch*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

8 ■ SUNDAY

60th Photographic White Elephant Sale at Ft Mason Center: Spons by the Professional Photographer of SF. Here's your chance to bid on some great buys in used photographic equipment, lenses, cameras, stands, lights, meters, printing enlargers, tanks, film, paper, frames & more. A semi-annual event for professionals & amateurs. Merchandise check-in, 8 am-noon; viewing, 10 am-noon; auction starts at noon. $3 per person. For info call PPSF Office 871-1475. Food & drink available. Ft Mason Bldg A, Laguna & Marina Blvd, SF. Free parking.

The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Dance Company performs at McKenna Theatre Sept. 28.

Alta Plaza Loop Run with SF Frontrunners. Meet 9 am at the steps at Steiner & Washington, SF for a 4-mile hilly run along Jackson to Gough, to Sacramento, to Arguello, and back to Steiner & Washington.

Sonoma Special Interest Group to explore BACW (Bay Area Career Women) events. Call Toni: (707) 578-7743 for info/location.

Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

Open House: Find out about certification programs in shiatsu & eastern healing arts, offered by the Shi'atsu Institute & Therapy Center of SF. Meet teachers & students, ask questions about the school & curriculum. Complimentary refreshment (tea), Shiatsu sessions & demos. Noon-5 pm, free. 347 Dolores St btwn 16th & 17th, SF. For info call 241-9740.

Hortiphiles Excursion to Capitola Begonia Nautical Parade: meet at 1 pm in front of Capitola Theater. Starting at 2 pm, begonia-covered barges float down Soquel Creek to the Capitola Lagoon. Newcomers & guests are welcome to join Hortiphiles (a group of gay & lesbian plant & garden lovers). Info: 851-1022.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Women's Brunch: A great way to meet fellow conservationists & learn about upcoming GLS events. Usually attended by 10-20 women. Call Candice (510) 848-1449 for location & other info.

Do You Always Hurt the One You Love?—An s/m performance piece by Bob Flanagan. Combines self-s/m, autobiographical readings, and stand-up comedy. Definitely not for the squeamish. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series of programs for the s/m community. Doors open at 1 pm, show 1:30-3 pm, followed by discussion at a private SF space. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, if over 21. Info: 550-7776.

Cabaret Calliope: A gala afternoon of theater music at Noe Valley Ministry, presented by Calliope. Harriet March Page performs Allan Crossman's "Songs from the Border," Archy the cockroach & a cast of seductive & raucous felines present the back-alley opera "Archy & Mehitabel," the Weill Women perform theater songs of Weill/Brecht; plus performances by the Noe Valley Heavy Opera Co, the Alpine Terrace Sunday Salon Irregulars, and a special preview of Ralph Nieder-Westermann's "Alive But Not Forgotten". 2 pm, $10 gen'l, $7.50 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 252-5885. 1021 Sanchez St, SF.

18th Annual Examiner Opera in the Park Concert: In Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park, SF (near the carousel at Kezar Stadium & JFK Drive). Features Carol Vaness, Marcello Giordani, Paolo Coni & other stars from the SF Opera's opening weekend. Maurizio Arena conducts the SF Opera Orchestra. 2 pm, free! T-shirts available for $12.

Art Show Reception at Mama Bears for artist Ruth Joyce Perrine, whose work hangs in Mama Bears this month. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Afro Cuban at El Rio with *Cespedes*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Crysanthemum Ragtime Band returns to Josie's for a concert of pop music from the 1890s-1920s, featuring work by Berlin, Kern, Joplin & Souza. 4 pm, $6 gen'l, $5 srs. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

I Love Lucy Party with the SF Saddletramps at the Rawhide II: Delicious buffet dinner, great entertainment, plus raffle. Prizes for the best Ricky and the best Lucy, or one of her characters. $5 donation at the door. Proceeds benefit the SF Saddletramps. 6-11 pm. 280 7th St, SF.

The Subversive Scribe: *Translating Latin American Fiction*—author Suzanne Jill Levine reveals the role the translator of linguistically playful literature. Levine has translated Manuel Puig, Jose Donoso, Julio Cortazar, Adolfo Bioy-Casares & Guillermo Cabrera Infante. She discusses her book & her work with these authors. 7 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Whiptail Lizard Collective World Dyke Performance Night: Music, art & performance art by dykes from all over the world! 7 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. Smoke, alcohol & drug-free space.

High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah Services with Sha'ar Zahav. 9/8: 7:30 pm evening service, 9/9: 10 am morning service. 9/9: 10 am children's service. Unitarian Center, Franklin & Geary Sts, SF. Due to space limitations, only Sha'ar Zahav members & guests will be seated in the main sanctuary for the Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur evening services, all others are welcome to join us in the additional seating areas. Donations are encouraged. Services led by Rabbi Yoel Kahn & the Ritual Committee members. Childcare & SIGN interpretation available, call 861-6932 for reservations. Wheelchair accessible.

Laurie Lewis & Kathy Kallick in concert at Great American Music Hall. 7:30 pm, $11. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info: 885-0750.

Asian AIDS Project Rubber Club Party: Includes a show on safer sex & condom use, featuring Asian Rubber Beauties & the Court of Latex Queens. 8 pm-midnight. Show starts at 9 pm. Held at the 'N Touch. For info or to volunteer, call 227-0946.

Hard Words & Live Acts at The Lab, see 9/1.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Wet, a new dance club for Women, see 9/1.

9 ■ MONDAY

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with Sha'ar Zahav, see 9/8.

Rosh Hashanah Children's Service

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

39th Annual Sausalito Art Festival: Annual Labor Day wkend extravaganza featuring arts & crafts, Bay Area musical talent, special children's plays & live performances, food booths, & lots of fun. Tix: $5 gen'l, $2 srs & kids ages 6-12. In Marinship Park & the Bay Model Visitor Center. Call 332-0505 for details. 9/1-2.

1-Day Workshop for Pregnant Lesbians: 9/28, facilitated by Janet Linder, LCSW. Explore feelings about family of origin issues, the impact of pregnancy on your relationships, the changes you are facing. Info/reg: 285-1131.

A Special World Licensed Day Care: Multicultural, creative, non-competitive, supportive, fun atmosphere. El Cerrito location. For ages 0-4. Info: 526-2924.

"Coming Back from the Summer" potluck with Marin Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Parents Group: 9/22, 3-5 pm. For location & other info call 457-1115.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays group meets 9/11 at 7:30 pm at Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill Rd, Mill Valley. Info: 457-1115.

Rainbow's End Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Group for ages 24 & under meets 9/5, 12 & 19 at Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd #12, San Anselmo. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time, 7-9 pm group time. Info: 457-1115.

Cody's for Kids (and their parents) presents "Storytime at Cody's," Thursday mornings at 10:30 am and Saturday mornings at 11 am. For kids ages 4-10. 9/14 at 11 am: Travelling storyteller Joel Ben Izzy shares stories collected in his world travels, from Tel Aviv to Tokyo, Paris to Petaluma, for ages 5 & up. 9/2 at 4 pm: Eric Carle & Bill Martin, two of the most respected names in children's education & children's illustration (collaborators on the bestselling *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*) read from their newest book, *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?*, a delightful sequel which explores the world of sound & hearing thru a parade of colorful zoo animals and the noises they make. Call to confirm schedule: 845-7852. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Are You A Mother Who Wants to Quit Smoking? Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services offers free stop-smoking classes for mothers. Informal, support group format. Learn how to stop smoking, reduce stress, and enjoy being a parent. Help with childcare & transportation provided. Info/reg: Carmela Rosales 565-7682.

SF SPCA Birthday Parties for Kids: SF SPCA offers "Animal Awareness" birthday parties for kids ages 4-9, proceeds benefit the Society's Humane Education Program. Available party themes are "Pets" or "Wild Animals". Costumed party leaders bring a visting animal to every extravangaza, drawing from a roster that includes Tom Turtle, Longfellow the Rabbit, and Chelsea the Dog. Lively puppet shows promote responsible pet care or respect for wildlife, kids play various animal-themed games, receive coloring books & special prizes. Program lasts about one hour, leaving plenty of time for refreshments & gift-opening; and can be held in homes, yards or parks. $80 donation requested per party, ½ price intro offer in August. Info: Kathy McAdams 554-3060.

Big Kids/Little Kids: Sat morning art class at the de Young Museum for children ages 3½-6 and their parents, designed for the creative child in everyone. Led by professional artists; young children & their parents see works of art in the museum, then participate in related art experiences. The program is free, but there is a $5 museum entrance fee for adults. Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 750-3658. 9/7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 am.

Doing & Viewing Art at the deYoung, for ages 7-13: Tours of current exhibits followed by studio workshops given by professional artist-teachers. Students learn about art by seeing it & making it. Children accepted on a drop-in basis. Free. Info: 750-3658. Saturdays 7/7, 14, 21 & 28 at 10:30 am. Info: 750-3658.

Art After School at the de Young, for ages 4-16. Tours of the museum, touchable art, studio activities. 8/7-31. For fee schedule & other info call 750-3658. Classes meet once a week for 7 weeks.

KidsSings! Family Sing with Nancy Cassidy and Schola Cantorum choral ensemble. Half-hour sings appropriate for kids up to age 12. Kids are free, if accompanied by an adult. Following the KidSing, kids can join childcare while adults enjoy the rest of the evening. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, call 903-6000 for info/res.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Both events are free & the public is welcome. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley offers a wide variety of classes for kids of all ages. Some classes require parent participation. Fees are from $33-$105 with most in the $55-$65 range. Discounts available for multiple family members, limited number of partial scholarships available. For info/full schedule call 642-5134.

Mt Zion/UCSF's Art for Recovery program holds an exhibit of art work by children & adults with cancer or AIDS. 9/13-10/1 at Congregation Sherith Israel, 2266 California St, SF. Public welcome Mon-Fri, 1-4 pm. Guest speaker 9/13 at 8:15 pm, followed by 9:30 pm reception.

"Under the Scuds: Response of Children in Haifa, Israel, to the Persian Gulf War," an exhibit of 21 drawings & collages done by Jewish & Arab schoolchildren in Haifa, Israel in immediate reaction to SCUD missile attacks during the Gulf War. Exhibit on view at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St, Berkeley. 9/15-10/27, opening reception on 9/15 at 2 pm. Hrs: Sun-Thurs 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: 849-2710.

Auditions for Dr Doolittle production by Antioch Performing Arts Guild. Children's show with a cast of 23 adults & children. Read from script on 9/23-25 at 7:30 pm at 213 "F" St, Antioch. Performances scheduled for weekends in November, 11/8-23. Info: Tom Lawrence 757-2682.

Dollhouse Show & Sale & Model Train Exhibit at Marin Center Exhibit Hall, Civic Center Drive, San Rafael. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 kids under 12. See Main Calendar listings, 9/7 & 8, for details.

International Peace Festival: 9/21, 11 am-7 pm. A multicultural celebration spons by Mt Diablo Peace Center. Theme: "Think Globally, Party Locally". Diverse entertainment, great food, auction of world art, information on peace & justice, children's games & events, with special kids' area. Performances by Willie Lonewolf, Judy Fjell, La Pena Community Chorus, Country Joe McDonald, Vocolot, Nick Gravenites & Animal Minds, with Pete Sears, Hali Hammer & Chet Gardiner, Vukani Mawethu Chorus, Ogie Yocha. Emcee Wes "Scoop" Nisker of KFOG. Todos Santos Park in Concord. For info/directions call 933-7850.

Parents & Family Support Group: Weekly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Bay Area Discovery Museum, an interactive museum for children, offers various programs for kids & their parents. For program info call 332-9646. 557 East Ft Baker, Sausalito.

The SF League of Urban Gardens (SLUG) offers a learning & demonstration garden, Garden of the Environment, where workshops on organic gardening, water conservation & composting are regularly held. The Garden includes a children's gardening area. For more information call 468-0110.

with Sha'ar Zahav, see 9/8.
Help Battered Women Help Themselves: WOMAN, Inc battered women's agency volunteer training begins today. WOMAN Inc offers a 24 hr crisis line, counseling services, legal clinics, walk-in center, lesbian services & info & referrals. Learn crisis intervention & counseling skills. Your help is needed! Info: Jeanie 864-4777. Bilingual women and women with daytime availability are especially needed.
Reading/Talking Women group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets tonight. Potluck supper mtg. This month's title: *An American Childhood* by Annie Dillard. 77 Waller St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Making Your Life Work: Author Bert Herrman (*Being Happy, Being Gay*) continues his series of free workshops at Rest Stop Support Center this month. Each program is a separate unit. Topics: 9/9: "Celebrating Your Uniqueness," an ongoing discusson. 9/16 & 30: "Values Exploration". 9/23: "Tools for Building Self-Esteem". 7-9 pm. Workshops are open to all. Rest Stop Support Ctr, 134 Church St, SF. Info: Erik 621-1701.
Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight, see 9/2.
Avant-Garde Jazz at Great American with John Zorn's *Xu Feng*. 8 pm, $10. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign-up by phone at 7 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Improvised Comedy Scenes & Plays with Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) at Asian American Theater. 8 pm, tonight & 9/23 & 30. $7. Info/res: 824-8220.

10 TUESDAY

Sea Snakes Gay Scuba Club meets today. For location, time & other info call 431-1340.
Coffee, Conversation & Canasta spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), see 9/3 listing for details.
Radical Women Feminist Theory Series continues with feminist Jackie Thompson leading a discussion of the book *Feminism/Postmodernism*, edited by Linda Nicholson. Join RW for a discussion on deconstructionism & the benefits & dangers of postmodernism for feminist theory. Call 864-1278 for location, time & other info.
"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sexworkers But Didn't Know Who to Ask," is the topic for tonight's mtg of the SF chapter of NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). Speakers include Maggie Rubinstein, sexologist, therapist & Dean of Students at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality; Carol Leigh, aka Scarlot Harlot, prostitutes' rights activist & award winning videographer; Miki Demarest, publisher of *Spectator Magazine*; Carol Queen, journalist & former peepshow dancer; Samantha Miller, MFCC, sex educator & COYOTE rep; Gloria Lockett, director of Calif Prostitutes Education Project and Debi Sundahl, publisher of *On Our Backs*. 7 pm, donations accepted. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Miki 658-3380 (days).
Fall Writing Class with Bo Huston, *Bay Times* columnist and author (*Horse & Other Stories, der Freund, Out of the Mist*). Tuesday eves, 7-9 pm, at A Different Light Bookstore. $200, $50 reg fee. Enrollment limited, pre-reg required. Call 641-9470 for info.
"Self-Hypnosis in Everyday Life," a talk by Susan Ovington, certified hypnotherapist & counselor. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Community United Against Violence (CUAV) Training: For people interested in volunteering to take the crisis line during office hours, take basic reports, do some crisis counseling, and work with staff on special projects. 7:30-9:30 pm tonight & 9/17. Interested? Call Elaine 864-3112.
Where Heaven Begins: Make your reservations now for the this upcoming AIDS benefit (see 9/27 listing for details.
Ethnolinguist William Shipley reads from & discusses *The Maidu Indian Myths & Stories of Hancibyjim*, which he edited & translated. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Girls with Dicks class by JC Collins. Many women like to play as either daddy, daddy's little girl or daddy's little boy. JC, who is the current Ms SF Leather, explains how she enacts this kind of gender scene (this class was rescheduled from July). Doors open at 7 pm, class from 7:30-10 pm, $12. Private SF location. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Info/location: 550-7776.

Melanie Monsur performs Sept. 7. Calendar has info.

Christian Huygen's "Waiting for Godette" at Josie's Cabaret: World premiere. Starring Justin Bond & Darrell-Lynn Alvarez of the pop trio *Absolut Manpussy*, this make-up smeared one-act directed by Theatre Rhino's Adele Prandini is the play Samuel Beckett might have written if he'd been obsessed with glamour, gender, and nail polish. Two wilting lilies, Didi & Coco, are involved in a "pretty-as-possible" game of survival. They invent bizarre ways to kill time as they wait for the Mother of All Drag Queens, Godette. Play runs Tues 9/10, 17 & 24 at 8 pm and Fri 9/13, 20 & 27 at 10 pm. Tix $8 on Tues, $10 on Fri. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Columnist/author Alice Kahn discusses her new novel, *Fun with Dirk & Bree*, a "fast, funny, irreverent postmortem on the fall of the house of yuppie." 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Ireland's premier traditional band, *De Dannan*, in concert at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $12. Info: 885-0750.
KLITZ Sex Parties for Women—see 9/3 listing for details.

11 WEDNESDAY

SF Zoo Outing for people with HIV, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. 1 pm. Meet at the Zoo, 45th Ave at Sloat, SF. Sign-up required, call 777-2273, ask for the Events Line.
Percussion & Vocal Rhythms of India with Jackie Godden at Rest Stop Support Center for people with HIV concerns. 1:30-4 pm. Part of Rest Stop's Rhythms of Life drop-in music-making series (also see 9/25). All people with HIV concerns are welcome! 134 Church St at Market, SF. Info: Betsy Rose 621-1701, 525-7082.
Bi Any Other Name: Reading from Lani Kaahumanu's groundbreaking anthology of coming out bi stories. At A Clean, Well Lighted Place for Books, Larkspur Landing in Marin. For time & other info call Hap 388-6561.
Bi-Friendly UC meets for social/support group—see 9/4.
SF NOW Reproductive Rights Taskforce meets 7 pm in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Discussion of planning for 9/30 informational picket. Info: 861-8936.
Fun Bondage Play Nite spons by Bondage Buddies. A nite of bondage, hard dicks & fun s/m in a fully equipped dungeon. For location & other info call 292-3228.
NGLTF (Nat'l Lesbian & Gay Taskforce) meets the 2nd & 4th Wed of each month, tonight & 9/25 at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. Group is the local unit of this national gay/lesbian rights organization.
Total Touch Massage: nonsexual event for men—see 9/4.
"Lesbian Rights in the 90's: A View from the Bench," a talk by the honorable Donna J Hitchens, superior court judge. Spons by the Bay Area Lesbian-Feminist Bar Association. 7:30 pm, $5-15 gen'l, $3 law students. Reception follows. New College Theatre, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info/reg: Lauren 933-0887.
Mysteries of the Goddess Slide presentation with Susan Levitt at Red Rose Gallerie, 2251 Chestnut St, SF. 7:30 pm, $5. Info: 927-4170.
Lesbian novelist Katherine Forrest reads from her new book, *Murder By Tradition*, featuring the further adventures of police detective Katie Delafield. 7:30 pm, free. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Do You Have An S/M Relationship With Yourself, & Is It Consensual? Class taught by Joseph Bean. Perform physical & meditative exercises designed to show the relationship your body & spirit have with one another. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $10. Private SF location. Men & women over 21, of all sexual orientations, are welcome. Spons by QSM as part of their educational & artistic series for the s/m community. Info/location: 550-7776.
SF Wrestling Club Instructional Beginners Group meets tonight & 9/25, 7:30-9:30 pm. All ages, weights & styles welcome. For location & other info call 538-8490 or 821-9721.
Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI) meets tonight to discuss lesbian & gay participation in the 500 Years of Resistance Campaign, which will counter the official commemoration of Columbus' "discovery" of this continent. 7:30 pm at 777 Valencia St, SF. Room 2. Info: 558-8671.
At Black Oak Books: Author Jeffrey Meyer reads from his latest biography, *Joseph Conrad*. 7:30 pm, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Global Riot at Josie's, see 9/4.
The Bobs, popular, zany a cappella troupe at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $12. Info/res: 885-0750.
Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends. Folk dancing with emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. Learn ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Beginners welcome! Tonight & 9/25 (every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month) at SF Dance Theater, 60 Brady, at Market & Gough, SF. 8-10 pm. Info: Laura or Howard 359-0207.
Comedy Night at El Rio with Shan Carr, Lamk & Earl, Margaret Cho & Mark Davis. 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325.

12 THURSDAY

Gay/Lesbian Scuba Divers Trip to the Fiji Islands: Today thru 9/21. Call Undersea Expeditions, 398-2189 to reserve your spot, or get info on other great upcoming trips. 291 Geary St, Ste 619, SF.
The Medical Consequences of Sexism: Program spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Uses personal stories, statistical information & anecdotal vignettes, as well as 20-min comedy film *Turning Around* to present a multifaceted & humane approach to a difficult topic. Guest speaker: Maureen Longworth, MD. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today & 9/26 at 2:45 pm. 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
National Center for Lesbian Rights hosts a reception for new Executive Director Liz Hendrickson. 6-8 pm, $25 donation, $15 for stdnts & the public interest community. At Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon, 505 Montgomery St nr Sacramento, SF. 4th floor. National Center for Lesbian Rights is a SF-based public interest law firm nationally recognized for its work in defending and expanding legal protection for lesbians. Info: Karen Strauss 621-0674.
Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection, see 9/5.
Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group meets 7 pm at 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Classical nude modeling. $12. Info: 621-6294.
***Is There A Dining Car** on the Mule Train?* Film looks at the legendary mule trips into the depths of the Grand Canyon, from the panormanic rim down to the banks of the raging Colorado River some eight miles below. 7 pm at the de Young Museum in SF. Call 552-8760 for info.
Everything You Wanted to Know About Compound Q But Haven't Asked: Informational meeting spons by Uncle Gene's LABS. Topics include: efficacy, safety, managing allergic reactions, steroids, IM injections, cost, availability. 7 pm at The Rest Stop, 134 Church St, SF. Call the hotline for info: 729-5455.
Rounds Singing for Women: See 9/5.
Author Charlene Spretnak reads from her new work *States of Grace: Spiritual Grounding in the Postmodern Age*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Party with *Deneuve* at Old Wives Tales. Food, drink, music & more to cele4brate the hot new lesbian magazine. 7:30 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit *Deneuve* and Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Acapulco to Moscow: A Tale of Two Queer Conferences: Modern Times Bookstore panel discusses the two important lesbian & gay events held this past summer—the 13th Conference of the Int'l Lesbian & Gay Association (ILGA) in Acapulco and the first lesbian &

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gay conference in the Soviet Union. Also Frameline concurrently produced the first Moscow/Leningrad Int'l Gay Film Festival. Panelists include: Tom Dimaria, Julie Dorf, Guille Quiroz & Tede Matthews. 8 pm, $4-8 SL donation to benefit IGLHRC. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Author Julia Alvarez reads & signs her first book of fiction, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*; a series of stories chronicling the fortunes of an exiled Spanish Caribbean family in exile after a failed revolutionary coup. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Texas Songwriters Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark & Robert Earl Keen, Jr at Great American Music Hall. 8 pm, $12. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

David Cohen in a one-man show at El Rio—"Yes No or VI (Pleasing People or How I Pleased the World). 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

13 FRIDAY

Lesbian Uprising! Lake Tahoe Trip—reserve early, see 9/20 listing for details.

Fall Registration at Sharon Art Studio begins today: Classes for both adults & youth, in ceramics, leaded glass, life drawing, china painting, jewelry & more. Costs very reasonable. Arrive early, classes fill quickly. 9 am: ceramics. 10 am: All other classes. Sharon Bldg, next to the Carousel in the Children's Playground near Bowling Green & tennis courts, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 753-7006.

Strangers in Good Company, Cynthia Scott's bittersweet tale of 7 older women stranded in the Canadian countryside, opens today at the Gateway Cinema, 215 Jackson St, SF. For showtimes & other info call 421-3353.

Mid-Peninsula BACW TGIF: 5:30-9 pm at "B" Street in San Mateo. Today & 9/27, 5:30-9 pm. Come unwind with Bay Area Career Women!

OPTIONS 13th Anniversary Party: "A Taste of Options", celebration at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF, honors Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. Singer Ronnie Gilbert performs at 7:30 pm. Info: OPTIONS for Women Over 40, 431-6405.

BWMT Video/Rap Night at Calvin's: Join Black & White Men Together for a screening of *Macho Dancer*, a film about the tough, gritty world of Philippine hustlers & erotic dancers. 7 pm, 4-A Hoffman Ave (Noe Valley/Upper Castro area), SF. Everyone welcome!

"The Revelation of the Universe," a lecture with Brian Swimme. Uses humor & insight to illustrate how modern physics discloses a universe that reawakens the mytho-poetic revelation formerly sustained by sacred cosmologies. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Lani Kaahumanu, editor of the groundbreaking anthology *Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out* gives a booksigning/talk at 7 pm. Free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Twisted Sheets, by Judy Montegue. Concert-staged playreading. Love & intrigue in the dream zone. 7:30 pm at Blue Bear Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. 2nd floor. $2-4. Info: 626-4603.

"Can't Jail the Spirit: 20 Years Since Attica," program marking the 20th anniversary of the Attica Uprising. Keynote speaker: Dhoruba Bin Wahad, former Black Panther leader & political prisoner. Poetry by Phavia Kujuchagulia, plus footage of the Attica Uprising, and update on the campaign to free Geronimo ji Jaga (Pratt) and on the Attica trial, by Luis Talamantez, member of the San Quentin Six. 7:30 pm, $5-25, no one turned away for lack of funds. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 969 12th St, West of Market, Oakland. Childcare available. Partially wheelchair accessible. Call 985-7488 for info. Spons by Freedom Now! Network, Int'l Campaign to Free Geronomino ji Jaga, Black Panther Newspaper Committee, American Indian Movement, Out of Control Lesbian Committee to Support Women Political Prisoners, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee & the Prison Discipline Study.

Old First Concert series features new music for soloists & electronic music by Michael Manion, with Carol Adee, flute, Stephen Harrison, cello. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 474-1608. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF. Info/res: 474-1608.

Elaine Townsend in Concert: Night of fine folk rock at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-9684.

It's the Naked Nude Art Show! A great exhibition on Sept. 15.

Author Witold Rybczynski (*The Most Beautiful House in the World*) discusses his new book, *Waiting for the Weekend*, a look at time, work, leisure, recreation, and the modern concept of the weekend. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Jennifer Berezan in Concert at La Pena. 8:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: 849-2572.

Dance at Great American with *Big Band Beat*. 9 pm, $11. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

World Beat at El Rio—see 9/6.

Christian Huygen's "Waiting for Godette" at Josie's, see 9/10.

Writer & Duplex Planet editor David Greenberger reads with special guests tonight. 10:30 pm, $4. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

14 SATURDAY

River Romp V: White water rafting benefit on the South Fork of the American River—500 whitewater enthusiasts & novices raft for their favorite charity. The thrills, chills & splashes benefit Project Inform HIV/AIDS Treatment Hotline, the American Cancer Society of SF, the California Autism Foundation, Therapon Association for the Developmentally Disabled, and the AIDS Service Providers Association of the Bay Area. $90 per rafter includes transportation & a deli-style lunch. Overnight camping available for an additional $10. For info/res: 885-3025.

Girth & Mirth Club Annual Garage Sale today at 176-B Page St, SF. Come check it out—remember, one person's junk is another's treasure! For info & to make donations call 824-0260.

Gay & Lesbian Issues in Recovery From Addiction: 1-day seminar exploring the relationship between recovery from addiction for lesbians & gay men, and complications due to homophobia & societal attitudes. Focus is on identifying and discussing the special needs of lesbians & gay men in recovery. 9 am-5 pm at West Coast Institute of Addiction Studies, 125 Brompton Ave, SF. Fee. Open enrollment. Call Bev Wells, PhD, CAS for info/reg.

Under the Hood...Again: A car care & safety workshop for women, spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Learn how to provide ongoing care & maintenance of what's under the hood of your car. Learn how to check your oil & when to change it; how to use a jumper cable, replenish your windshield fluid, check your automatic transmission fluid, your battery, and more. Instructor Mary Rice has conducted car classes for Ellis Brooks for a number of years. 9 am-1:30 pm at Ellis Brooks Chevrolet-Nissan-Geo, 1395 Van Ness Ave, SF. $20 per person, class size limited to 25. No one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (merges briefly with 23rd), turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St bridge into Alameda & continue on Park thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr & immediately right onto Veterans Ct. Meet 9 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

19th Annual SF Blues Festival: Today & tmw in the Great Meadow at Ft Mason, SF. Today's lineup: Etta James & the Roots Band, Clarence Gatemouth Brown, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, John Hammond, Joanna Connor Band, Carey Bell & Tough Luck, Alvin Youngblood Hart, Guitar Sims & the Fillmore Rockers. Tomorrow's lineup: BB King, Queen Ida & her Zydeco Band, Otis Clay & Chicago Fire, Rory Block, Snooky Pryor & John Nicholas, William Clarke Band, Paramount Singers, Imam Omar Sharriff. 11 am-5:30 pm. For full info call 979-5588. Marina Blvd at Laguna, SF.

Lesbian & Gay Day at Candlestick: A benefit for Shanti Project. Come watch the SF Giants play the San Diego Padres. Game time is 1:05 pm. Groups purchasing 30 or more tix will be acknowledged on the scoreboard. Benefit tix for upper reserved seats are $7, $3 of each ticket sold will be donated to Shanti. Info: 777-2273.

Corona Heights Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology & recipes for teas & wild foods. Learn the basics of holistic healing. Walk emphasizes understanding the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. 10:30 am today (repeats on 9/29 at noon). Meet at Roosevelt Way & Museum Way, nr Randall Jr Museum, in SF. Dress warmly. Rain cancels. $5-11 SL fee. Info: 845-4028.

Wkend College Program for Working Adults: Informational Meeting—see 9/7 listing for details.

SF Wrestling Club Workout 11 am-2 pm today & 9/28. For location & other info call 538-8490 or 821-9721. All ages, weights & levels of experience are welcome.

Cody's for Kids features storyteller Joel Ben Izzy. See Parents & Kids Box for details.

Bay Area Hearing of the Commission of Inquiry for the International War Crimes Tribunal hears testimony on US war crimes in the Gulf, with Ramsey Clark, Kris Kristofferson, and others. Mission High School, 18th & Dolores St, SF. Registration begins at noon, testimony at 1 pm. Evening rally at 7:30 pm. $5-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by the Commission of Inquiry & the Emergency Committee to Stop the US War in the Middle East. Info: 821-6545.

Bi-Friendly Giants Game Trip: Reserved block of tix available, call early to make sure you get in! Proceeds benefit the Shanti Project. Info: Richard 474-2971.

Ileana Bravo, Mistress of the Colors, visual & musical artist shows her work today at 3285 21st St at Valencia, SF. Her glass structures have been called shrines, sacred places & meditative objects. 4-8 pm.

Hortiphiles Flower & Plant Show: Noon-6 pm at DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Exhibiting & viewing are free to everyone (you don't need to be a Hortiphiles member). No admission charge, donations to support the Center are welcome, however. Hortiphiles is a group for lesbians & gays who enjoy plants & gardens. For further info call (408) 356-6932 or (415) 851-1022.

Southbay FLSG (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets for September potluck at Maryann & Marilyn's home in Cupertino. 7 pm. Call (408) 738-8455 for directions & other info. Newcomers welcome!

SonoMarin BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a dinner in the beautiful Valley of the Moon. Call Christine (707) 996-1550 for info.

Jazz Vocalist Barbara Lashley at Asta Restaurant, One Rincon Ctr, 101 Spear St, SF. 7:30-11:30 pm, no cover.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

4th Annual Mr & Ms Cheeks & Chaps tonight at the SF Eagle. No admission charge for contest, $7 beer bust from 7-10 pm. Contest starts at 8 pm. Applications available at The Eagle. Contestants must attend the pre-judging 1 pm on The Eagle patio.

Avotja, poet/musician & radio personality, at Mama Bears. SIGN by Marilyn Van Veerson. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Soulful R&B vocalist LaVerne Baker at Great American Music Hall. Two shows: 8 & 10:30 pm. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Composer/pianist Linn Brown in concert at KBBK Studios. 8 pm, $6. 465 Broderick, SF. Call 563-9046 for reservations.

ATA Gallery's Other Cinema Series features Ari Roussimoff's *Shadow in the City*, a "hyper-realistic, provocative" film. This gritty, intense urban horror psychodrama stars Jack Smith, Nick Zedd, Annie Sprinkle, Kembra Pfahler, Taylor Mead and many other luminaries of NYC's Lower East Side. 992 Valencia St, SF. 8:30 pm, $5. Info: 648-0654.

Rock at El Rio with *Eskimo, Zero Hour* & *E is for Elephant*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with comics Danny Williams, Karen Ripley & Suzy Berger. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

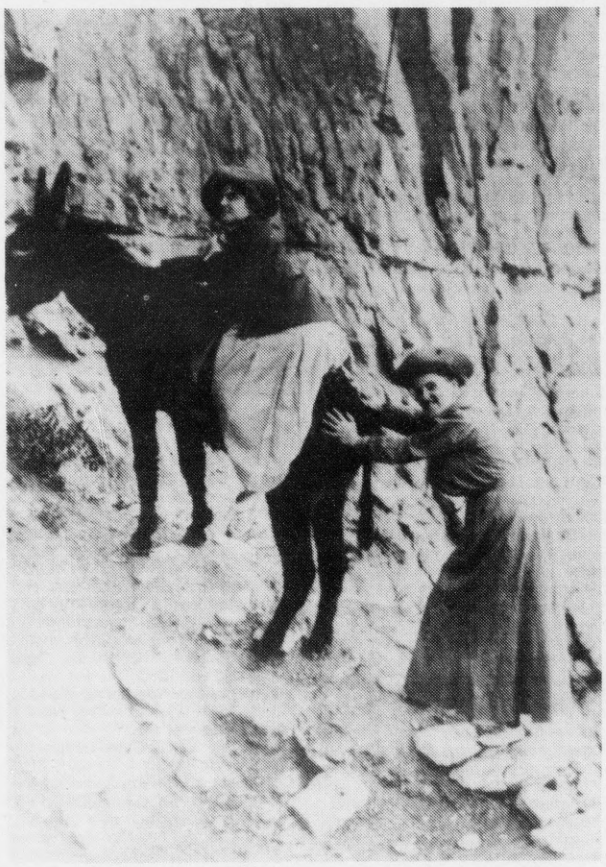
Klubstitute, SF's fave queer performance club, features performances by Miss Bambi Purcell, Connie Champagne & Her Tiny Bubbles, and Danielle "Hell" Willis, author of *Dogs in Lingerie*. 9 pm floorshow features a cavalcade of stars including female ELvis impersonator, Elvis Herselvis, Miss X of Sluts A Go-Go, & Bill De Herrera, "the best-dressed DQ in town". Plus Scorchy, Timmy Spence, Shasha, Dina Fruit Fly & Ruby Tuesday. As always, DJ dancing with Remix Von Popstitute. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF. Info: 826-5358.

15 SUNDAY

Lesbian & Gay Aging Class offered by SF State University Extended Education. Taught by Sheryl Goldberg, PhD, MSW, former coordinator of Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) program. Call 338-1373 for info/reg. Wednesday eves in October, registration open now.

California Men's Gathering: Registrations accepted for October Conference,

see 9/1 listing for details.
10th Annual Gay Sports Day on Angel Island: Running, hiking, volleyball, softball, cycling, croquet, football. Plus potluck picnic. Bring a dish to share, and your own drinks. Everyone is welcome! Special ferry departure from Pier 43 1/2 in Fisherman's Wharf, SF, at 9:15 am; return at 4:35 pm. Roundtrip fare: $8. Info: Mike 863-9987. For Tiburon departures call 435-2131.
19th Annual SF Blues Festival at Ft Mason, see 9/14.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Men's Brunch: Join GLS men for a noon potluck brunch at Chris & Michael's Russian River home. For info/directions & carpool info call 644-6294.
Presidio Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Walk emphasizes understanding the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Meet at noon at Inspiration Point on Arguello Blvd, SF. $5-11 SL fee. Rain cancels. Info: 845-4028.
Sensory Play from Light to Heavy—A class with Lady Cassandra & Samantha Ratt. They give demos of a great variety of tactile sensations including fur, latex, ice and heat packs, brushes, gloves, feathers, and massagers. These sensations will be interspersed with the more common ones of canes, crops & whips. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-4:30 pm. $15. Private SF location. Men & women over 21, of all sexual orientations, are welcome. Class spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series of programs for the s/m community. Info: 550-7776.
Cookout for People with HIV spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program, Continuum, Davies' Gazebo, the Living Room and Rest Stop. Hamburger & hotdog cookout at Alamo Square, 1-5 pm. For people with HIV & their guests. For info call 777-2273 and ask for the Events Line.
Southbay/Mid-Peninsula BACW Brunch: Join Bay Area Career Women for brunch in Sunnyvale. Call Nancy (408) 270-5052 or Arminda (415) 341-4501 for info/location.
Naked Nude Art Show #2: Eight artists present their work from 2-7 pm. Theme of the show is nudes. You check your clothes at the door, then look at nude art in the buff, as well as learn how to do basic body casting, listen to live music performed nekkid, soak in a hot tub, loosen your inhibitions with body paints, and enjoy thematic munchies. Artists at the show include James Castle, Jack Davis, Susanne Deising, Elwood Miller, Timothy Sherman, Jeff Snyder, Michael Tiffany & Christopher Whipp. $3 cover at door to defray cost of renting space. Clothes check provided. For info/location call 863-7567. See you naked.
Women's Video Night spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). See *Waiting for the Moon*, a film about the lives of Gertrude Stein & Alice B Toklas. 3-5 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Donation appreciated. Info: 626-7000.
Marianne Villaneuva, Filipina writer, author of *Ginseng & Other Tales from Manila*, reads from her book of stories of the Philippines under the Marcos dictatorship. 3-5 pm at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
AIDS Interfaith Quarterly Service at Green Gulch Zen Center in Muir Beach. 3 pm. For info call Ministry of Light 457-1115.
Old First Concert series features *The Block/Tartek Duo* at Old First Church, 1751 Sacramento St, SF. 8 pm, $8 genl, $6 srs & stdnts. Info/res: 474-1608.
Brazilian Rhythms at El Rio with *Terra Sul*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Gwen Avery in Concert at Josie's Cabaret: R&B, gospel & soul. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Come As You Were Party spons by UC GALA (University of California Gay & Lesbian Alumni). Benefit for the UCGALA Alumni Scholarship Fund. Lavish buffet & dance, featuring music from each of the decades of UCGALA members, from the 40's thru the 80's. UC students are welcome, but must be over 21. $15 gen'l, $10 stdnts with ID. At the White Horse, 6551 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. Limited number of tix available at door, mail checks to UCGALA, PO Box 3415, Oakland, CA 94609. Call 267-3150 for more info.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Ffiona Morgan, local ritualist, author, and creator of *Daughters of the Moon Tarot* reads stories from her new book, *Wild Witches Don't Get the Blues*. Come explore various healing topics, share tales of personal experiences in the spirit world. 5 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Pomo Afro Homos perform "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life," a collection of challenging & comic skits on the struggles faced by Black gay men in defining their community & finding their way home. 6 pm, $10 tonight & 9/22 & 29 at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Transforming Muse: Lesbian feminist poets Leslie Simon & Claire Blotter give their first reading together. 7 pm, donation. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) meets tonight. Informal affair, small groups. 7 pm, free. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 861-4588.
Hot Flashes: Discussion group for menopausal & pre-menopausal lesbians forming in SF. First meeting tonight at 7 pm. Call Nancy 648-0354 for info/location. Free.
Criminal Defense Lawyer Paula Sharp reads from her novel, *The Imposter: Stories About Netta & Stanley*. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.
Family, Memory & Media: An eve of performance, film, video & dance work by local artists. Focus on issues of family relations, childhood, incest & memory. 8 pm at the McBean Theater in the Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon St, SF. 8 pm, $6-25, SL fee. Info/res: 653-4423.
Wet, a new dance club for Women, produced by Page Hodel, see 9/1.



"Is There a Dining Car on the Mule Train?"—a screening on Sept 12 at the de Young Museum.

16 MONDAY

Women's Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets tonight & 9/30, 6-8 pm. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Domestic Partner Kick-off: Fundraiser for campaign to save the SF Domestic Partners legislation. 6-9 pm, $35-500 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Cafe San Marcos, SF. Info: Kurt Barrie 252-5638. 1586 Market St, SF. Volunteers, plus donations of office equipment & furniture are needed.
Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight, see 9/2 listing.
"The Courage to Love: Relationship as Spiritual Practice," a presentation by therapist Debra Chamberlin Taylor, MFCC; and author & men's issues specialist George Taylor, MA. Focus on tools to create & sustain loving & awakening relationships. Includes communication models & exercises. 7-9:30 pm at Community Congregational Church, 145 Rock Hill Dr, Tiburon. $100. Info: 388-7621.
Making Your Life Work workshop series at Rest Stop, see 9/9.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight, see 9/2.
Lesbian Women's Support Group in Marin: 6-session group facilitated by Nancy Rubin, LCSW. Topics include social networks, professional identity, family roles, wholeness, privacy. Focus is on choosing how to integrate our sexual identity into our personal & professional lives. Group meets every other Mon eve, 7:30-9 pm, tonight thru 12/23. Spons by Ministry of Light. 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Room 12. $10 per session. Info: Janie Spahr or Lea Brown 457-1115.
NY Times Columnist Anthony Lewis reads from *Make No Law: The Sullivan Case & the First Amendment*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) improvised mystery movie: Tonight at Asian American Theatre, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. A dark & violent tale of honor, power, intrigue & murder. 8 pm, $10. Info/res: 824-8220.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign-up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Controversial author Shelby Steele discusses his book *The Content of Our Character: A New Vision of Race in America*. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

17 TUESDAY

"Sexual Harassment: When Your Employee's Behavior Becomes Your Responsibility," a talk by Trisha Brinkman, trainer, consultant & expert witness in court cases litigating sexual harassment. Several co-workers (female & male) often tell sexual jokes or make sexual comments to each other. No one has complained to you about this situation. As a manager, do you have any responsibility to stop this behavior? Are you aware of what constitutes a hostile work environment? How do you handle potential sexual harassment situations appropriately? This presentation provides practical guidelines on how to identify subtle forms of sexual harassment; clarifies managerial responsibility in the maintenance of a harassment-free environment. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.
Coffee, Conversation & Canasta spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). See 9/3.
"The Role of Sex in Physical Immortality," a talk presented by Rev Edmond Boles, co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Inner Me No Enemy: 10-wk series of classes for women & men using movement, drawing & writing begins tonight. Focus on ways to befriend, strengthen & support all aspects of our body/mind/heart/being, with an intent to identify how we are our own enemies and how to become our own allies. 7-9 pm, $120. Prereg required. Class limited to 12. Call Cress Forester 826-2135 for info.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Program Mtg: African-American environmentalist Carl

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS 1991

Alice Kahn Sept 10. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Dirk and Bree, the popular characters from Alice Kahn's nationally syndicated column, step out in their own novel, **Fun with Dirk and Bree**, a story Tom Wolfe might have written if he were a female California yuppie.

Julia Alvarez Sept 12. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
Julia Alvarez will read and sign her brilliant first work of fiction, **How The Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents**. In a series of connected stories, Alvarez follows the fortunes of the Garcias, a Spanish Caribbean family in exile after a failed revolutionary coup. Caught between tradition and a liberation that is both exhilarating and terrifying, the Garcia daughters tell their irrepressibly intimate stories of how they came to be at home—and not at home—in America.

Witold Rybczynski Sept 13. Friday. 8:00 P.M.
Witold Rybczynski, author of the critically acclaimed **The Most Beautiful House in the World**, takes a penetrating look at time, work, leisure, recreation, and that entirely man-made phenomenon which we take for granted: the weekend. In his new book, **Waiting For The Weekend**, Rybczynski examines our use of time from the old Roman holidays to the first Sunday work stoppage laws and beyond, creating both an engaging history and a serious examination of the future of work and leisure in a global culture.

Shelby Steele Sept 16. Monday. 8:00 P.M.
In his critically acclaimed and controversial bestseller, **The Content Of Our Character: A New Vision Of Race in America**, Shelby Steele brilliantly demonstrates how both black and white Americans have been trapped into seeing color before character, and how social policies designed to lessen racial differences have instead made them greater.

Hume Cronyn Sept 19. Thursday. 3:30 P.M.
Hume Cronyn, winner of the Emmy, Obie and Christopher awards, and long recognized as one of the most gifted actors in the English-speaking world, will discuss and sign **A Terrible Liar: A Memoir**, his revealing and anecdotal reflection on the first 50 years of his life. Cronyn is a writer of wit and grace, a keen observer of human nature who can be counted on to see the humorous side of things whether recounting his struggles as an aspiring actor during the Depression or regaling readers with stories of the legends of stage and screen. Don't miss this rare event. Please note the time.

Russell Banks Sept 20. Friday. 8:00 P.M.
Russell Banks unfolds a contemporary courtroom drama and a small town morality play examining one of life's most agonizing questions in his new novel, **The Sweet Hereafter**, the story of a community's response to the death of 14 of its children in a school bus accident. This is an inspired tale by a masterful writer, a story that wrestles with the timeless questions of life, responsibility and human hope.

Andrea Dworkin Sept 21. Saturday. 8:00 P.M.
Andrea Dworkin has established a reputation as a provocative writer of feminist literature. The protagonist/narrator of her powerful, frenzied and admittedly autobiographical new novel, **Mercy**, bears Dworkin's own name. "Andrea" gets her first taste of sex at age nine when she is molested in a movie theatre, and so begins the disintegration of a life. Dworkin's brilliant, intense, and impassioned look at sexual victimization builds to a convincing indictment of a society that tolerates violence against women.

Julie Smith Sept 22. Sunday. 8:00 P.M.
Julie Smith, author of the Edgar Award-winning mystery **New Orleans Mourning**, brings back policewoman Skip Langdon in her new mystery novel, **The Axeman's Jazz**. In 1919, a real-life serial killer terrorized New Orleans. In letters to the press before each killing, signed "The Axeman", he offered to spare anyone in whose house jazz was playing when he went out to kill. "The Axeman", whose legend inspired **The Axeman's Jazz**, was never caught. Now he has returned to New Orleans, or has he?

Kurt Vonnegut Sept 23. Monday. 7:30-9:00 P.M.
Kurt Vonnegut, whose writing has become a major factor in shaping how the twentieth century views itself, will be signing **Fates Worse Than Death: An Autobiographical Collage of the 1980's**, which he calls "a collection of essays and speeches by me, with breezy autobiographical commentary serving as connective tissue and bandages." This is vintage Vonnegut, a freewheeling memoir of ideas, anecdote, and opinion on the last ten years of our lives. Kurt Vonnegut will be signing books only. Please note the time.

Carol Pearson Sept 24. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
If you believe only mythic and fantasy characters can take heroic journeys, think again. In her newest book, **Awakening the Heros Within: Twelve Archetypes to Help Us Find Ourselves and Transform Our World**, Carol Pearson outlines and explores twelve heroic "inner guides" that exist in all our psyches, familiar heros such as the Magician, the Sage, and the Warrior. Combining psychology, feminist theory, classical literature and New Culture spirituality, this companion volume to **The Hero Within** helps readers break with the negative bonds of the past to transform their world for the better.

Gus Lee Sept 26. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
Gus Lee has written a sensitive and true-to-life coming of age story in his powerful first novel, **China Boy**, the saga of a young Chinese boy thrust from a sheltered existence into the mean streets of San Francisco. How Kai learns to cope is a tale Lee spins with humor and compassion, not only for Asian Americans, but for all those caught in the grinding poverty and stark existence of the urban American jungle. "Gus Lee writes with both guts and sensitivity...capturing the rhythms of the neighborhood languages as well as the boxer's hooks and jabs. **China Boy** grabs the reader's heart and won't let go."—Amy Tan

Eric Carle and Bill Martin **CODY'S FOR KIDS** Sept 27. Friday. 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle are two of the most respected names in children's education and children's illustration. Their last collaboration, the bestselling **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** introduced children to color and seeing. Their newest book, **Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?** is a delightful sequel which explores the world of sound and hearing through a parade of colorful zoo animals and the noises they make.

Karen McCarthy Brown Sept 27. Friday. 8:00 P.M.
The word "voodoo" conjures images of death, zombies, and animal sacrifice, yet Vodou, the traditional religious practice of Haiti, is perhaps the world's most misunderstood religion. Followers of Vodou speak of "serving the spirits", and as Karen Brown demonstrates in her new book **Mama Lola: A Vodou Priestess in Brooklyn** the emphasis is on healing and renewal. **Mama Lola**, an experimental work in feminist ethnographic writing, follows five generations of Vodou healers, beginning with an African ancestor and ending with the newest initiate in Brooklyn.

Jung Chang Sept 30. Monday. 8:00 P.M.
The story of twentieth century China is one of continuing upheaval. Jung Chang spans these turbulent years from 1907 to the present, in her remarkable biography **Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China**. Following three generations of Chang women—Jung's grandmother, her mother, and finally Jung Chang herself—in their struggle to survive wars, invasions, and political and cultural revolution, Chang gives us a thrilling adventure story, an important work of history, and a breathtaking testimony to the human spirit.

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Anthony discusses his Urban Habitat program which is dedicated to educate minorities about the importance of environmental issues & educating mainstream environmental organizations about the needs of minority communities. 7:30 pm, free. Sierra Club headquarters library, 730 Polk St, SF.

Psychic Reading & Psychic Healing Class for Women: Women at all levels of psychic development are welcome to attend this series. Learn to develop & use the clairvoyant abilities we are all naturally born with. Learn to read & heal energy, focusing on the chakras & aura. Participants share & receive readings & healings throughout the class. Dreamwork also covered. Beginners welcome! 7:30-9:30 pm, $100-160 sliding scale for 8-class series, $15-20 per class. Partial work exchange available. SF location (carpool from Oakland). Info/reg: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & hypnotherapist 652-6355.

Medicinal Plants: Survey of 160 Herbs—15-wk class (Tues thru 12/17, 7-9:30 pm, includes two herb walks) begins tonight. Covers 160 medicinal plants in detail. For each herb, you learn where to get it, how to evaluate its quality, plus basic pharmacology—when to use it, when not to use it, dosage & prep, diagnostics, how to use it as a supplement to other forms of medicine & healing, and more. $160-273 SL fee. Info/reg: 845-4028.

High Holiday Days with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Yom Kippur services—9/17: 7:30 pm, Kol Nidre. 9/18: 10 am morning & children's services. 9/18: 3:30 pm, Minchah. 9/19: 5 pm Yiskor (Memorial) & Ne'ilah (Concluding). At the Unitarian Center, Franklin & Geary Sts, SF. Due to space limitations, only Sha'ar Zahav members & their guests will be seated in the main sanctuary for Yom Kippur evening services, all others are welcome to join us in our additional seating areas. Donations encouraged. Services led by Rabbi Yoel Kahn & Ritual Committee members. Childcare & SIGN interpretation available, call 861-6932 for info/res. Wheelchair accessible.

Community United Against Violence (CUAV) Volunteer Training tonight—see 9/10 listing for details.

Christian Huygen's "Waiting for Godette" at Josie's, see 9/10.

KLITZ Sex Parties for Women—see 9/3.

18 WEDNESDAY

Lesbians Over 60 Support Group spons by GLOE meets today, see 9/4 listing for details.

Discovery—Men's Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today, see 9/4 listing for topic & other details.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) International Tournament takes place today thru 9/21. Elimination Matches Wed-Sat 9/18-20 at 8 pm and 9/21 at 4 pm. Finals on 9/21 at 8 pm. The tourney features Theatresports companies from three continents in an extravaganza of team theatre/comedy improv performed as a sporting event, with rules & judges, and teams scored on merits of entertainment, narrative skill & technical expertise. Bay Area team members include stars from Fratelli Bologna, Pulp Playhouse & Improv Theater. $10 Elimination Matches, $15 Finals. At the Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg D, SF. Info/res: BATS Hotline 824-8220.

Bi-Friendly UC meets for support/social, see 9/4.

Total Touch Massage: A nonsexual event for men, see 9/4.

Developing Intimacy with Self, Partners & Others: First in a series of workshops on developing intimacy (series continues in October). Brief presentation, followed by small group discussion. 7:30-9:45 pm, $5-10. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Spons by Spiritual Partnerships Associates. Info: Keith 252-9084.

Global Riot at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/4.

Controversial feminist author Andrea Dworkin reads from her new novel, *Mercy*. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. Call 821-4675 to confirm location.

Author Amy Tan (*The Joy Luck Club, The Kitchen God's Wife*) in conversation with Wendy Tokuda at Herbst Theatre. Part of Friends of the Public Library & City Arts & Lectures' 11th Annual Literary Events series. 8 pm, $12 & $14. Info: 552-3656.

Blues Greats Johnny Adams & John Hammond at Great American Music Hall. 8 pm, $12. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Ache: A Project for Lesbians of African Descent present a special performance of Porno Afro Homos' "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life," a program using performance, dance, music & spoken word to capture the unique perspectives of Black gay life. A special get-together for the girls & boys in the family, don't miss. 8 pm, $10. No one turned away for lack of funds. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

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Jennifer Berezan performs Sept 13 at LaPena.

Comedy Night at El Rio with Danny Williams, Andrea Lee, Lisa Geduldig & Rocky Cologne. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

19 THURSDAY

At Cody's Books: Hume Cronyn, winner of the Tony, Emmy, Obie & Christopher awards and long recognized as one of the most gifted actors in the English-speaking world, discusses & signs *A Terrible Liar: A Memoir*, his revealing & anecdotal reflection on the first 50 years of his life. 3:30 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Women's Business Network presents "Money for Your Business," an expert panel on creative & traditional financing. 6-9 pm at Ft Mason Center, SF. Intros, speakers, plus a table to display business cards provided. Info/reg: 271-0165. For women in business and women changing careers.

Singer Richard McGee performs at Oakland's Fellowship of Humanity. 390 27th St, Oakland. 6 pm.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infections, see 9/5 listing for details.

Making Your Home Earth-Friendly: A hands-on environmental class for consumers. Topics include energy conservation, water-saving techniques, waste reduction, recycled paper products & alternatives to household hazardous chemicals. Participants learn general guidelines for making environmentally sound purchasing decisions in grocery, department & drug stores; and how to change daily habits around the home to help protect the environment. 6:30-7:30 pm at Earthsake, 1844 Market St, SF. Free. Info/reg: 626-0722.

Preventive Law Wkshop on alternative insemination, adoption & co-parenting agreements. Considering Parenthood? Learn your options and rights, define & protect your relationships. 7-9 pm, $25. Res/info: Law Office of Linda M Scaparotti 835-0850.

"Spiritual Dimensions of the Healing Process," a lecture with Stanley Krippner. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: 7-11 pm. Tarot readings offered by Suzanne Judith ($10, call ahead to reserve a slot). Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Gay Men's Sketch: Drop-in male figure drawing group meets 7 pm at 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Classical nude modeling. Info: 621-6294.

Rounds Singing for Women—see 9/5.

An Evening with Michael Hennessey at SF Jewish Community Center: The Sheriff discusses problems of jail overcrowding, prisoners with AIDS, landlord evictions of the elderly & indigent, jail suicides, prisons as human warehouses, and other issues. 7:30 pm, $3. 3200 California St, SF. Individual questions will be discussed. Info: 346-6040.

Bisexual Discussion Forum: Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN) monthly discussion forum meets 7:30-9:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. Topic: "Bisexuals' place in the lesbian & gay community". Wheelchair Accessible. For info call 564-BABN (tape) or Matt (510) 893-2285.

Author Charles Johnson reads from his book *Middle Passage*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN) Forum, "Bisexuals in the Lesbian/Gay Community," at 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Info: 564-BABN.

Guitarist Scott Henderson in concert at Great American, with Garry Willis and *Tribal Tech*. 8 pm, $15. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info: 885-0750.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Int'l Tournament: See 9/18.

Author Charlene Spretnak (*The Politics of Women's Spirituality, Lost Goddesses of Ancient Greece*) reads from her latest book, *States of Grace*. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

20 FRIDAY

Sonoma County Getaway for People with HIV: Spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Wkend in the country for people with HIV & their guests at Wildwood resort. Swimming, views, hiking trails, good food, great company! $120. Some scholarships available. Info: 777-2273.

Lesbian Uprising! rents Holly's Place in South Lake Tahoe today thru 9/22. Come enjoy hiking, hot tubbing, a great lesbian video section & wonderful women—too good to miss! $75-85. Space is limited, so get your reservations in early. Call Ann 664-3240 for info.

Russian River Wkend with Marin BACW: Join Bay Area Career Women for a weekend of hiking, swimming, biking, canoeing, singing by the piano, dancing at the club, or just kicking back. Potluck on Saturday night at Willows, brunch on Sun at a private home. $5 donation. Info: Mary 892-1207.

Job Search Strategies: 8-wk wkshops & support groups begin for midlife & older women. Fridays 1-3 pm, today thru 11/8. $5 per session, $30 for all 8. For info call OPTIONS for Women Over 40, 431-6405.

Nat'l Lawyers Guild Benefit for the Guild AIDS Network: Music, food, drinks & fun. 5:30-8 pm, $25 gen'l, $10 low-income, people with AIDS & law students. At the SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. 6th floor. Info: NLG 285-5067.

Reno Bus Trip with Veterans CARE. Two nights & two days at Holiday Downtown. Beer, wine, soft drinks, ice & food on the bus to and from Reno. Bus leaves the Santa Rosa Vets Bldg at 6 pm today, returns about 8 pm on Sunday. $90 per person, double occupancy, $134 per person, single occupancy. For info call Jack Harris (707) 274-1303.

"Brushwork as Inner Experience," a lecture/workshop with Kazuaki Tanahashi. Explores the traditional art of East Asian calligraphy & how this practice of brushwork can be used as a creative process & expression of inner experience. 7-9 pm tonight; 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Playwrights Center of San Francisco Staged Playreading Series presents David Hern's "In The Birdcase", a comedy of errors in a bail-bond office. 7:30 pm, $2-4. Blue Bear Theater, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 626-4603.

Medieval-Style Pontifical High Mass offered by Holy Ascension Orthodox Parish for the repose of the souls of all those who have died of AIDS. Celebrated in Latin & English according to the Western Rite usage of the American Synod of the Orthodox Church. Music for the service is the traditional Latin Gregorian Chant Requiem rendered by the Men's Choir of SF's St Patrick Roman Catholic Church. Free, no fee or collection taken. 7:30 pm in the Columbarium Chapel of the Neptune Society, between Anza & Geary, near Arguello St, Sf. Info: Father Joseph 563-8514. All welcome, regardless of religious persuasion of lack thereof.

BWMT Rap/Social: Topic—"Sado-Masochism: Consenting Adults or... ?" Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion of everything you wanted to know about s/m, but didn't get permission to ask. 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Doors open at 6:30 pm, raps begin promptly at 7. Facilitator Peter Eggenberger. Greeter Calvin Lowery. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome!

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Mothertongue Readers Theater at Old Wives Tales: The Bay Area's beloved feminist women's theater group performs its ever-popular Humor script. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Maria Cora, vocalist, poet, educator & cultural activist, in concert at KBBK Studios. 8 pm, $6. 465 Broderick St, SF. Call 563-9046 for reservations.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Int'l Tournament, see 9/18.

Author Russell Banks discusses his new novel, *The Sweet Hereafter*, the story of a community's response to the death of 14 of its children in a school bus accident. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Concert at Mama Bears with Carol Denney, Wendy Karner & Mary Ann Vorasky. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-9684.

Over 40, Single & Looking: A chem-free weekend workshop for single lesbians who would rather be in a relationship. 8 pm tonight thru 3 pm on 9/22 at Pajaro Dunes (beachfront house 2 hours south of SF). Discuss dating, how to meet new women, celibacy, loneliness, feeling good now, casual sex, friendship & more. $150-200 SL fee includes food & carpools. Info/res: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

World Beat at El Rio—see 9/6 listing.

Christian Huygen's "Waiting for Godette" at Josie's, see 9/10.

Living Wrecks poets Klipschutz with musical guests Bone Coots & the Living Wrecks with guest vocalist poet Joie Cook. 10:30 pm, $4. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

21 SATURDAY

Conscious Loving Wkshop for Lesbians in relationship, or seeking relationship. Two days in a secluded retreat center. Come transform blocks to physical intimacy, identify & change destructive family patterns, explore commitments leading to equal partnership, rediscover & express your true wants & desires. Learn effective strategies for communicating difficult emotions. $150 per person. Facilitated by Marlena Lyons, PhD & Jett Psaris, MBA. Info/reg: 482-1531. Spons by Conscious Living Center.

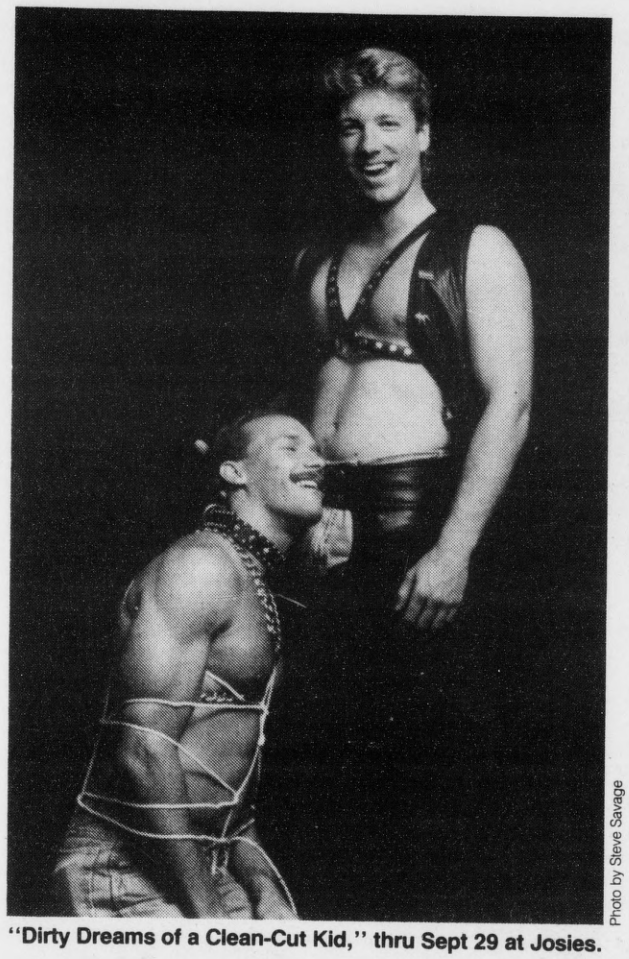
Tilden Park Nature Study Area Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From downtown Berkeley, take Spruce St to top of hill. Just past the intersection of Spruce & Grizzly Peak Blvd, turn left onto Canon Dr. At the bottom of the hill, turn left. Meet 9 am in parking lot. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Annual Statewide Coastal Clean-Up Day: SF Hiking Club fufills its adopt-a-beach responsibilities today by cleaning up the summer's accumulation of trash at Land's End. To help, wear scuffable clothes & heavy scuffable shoes & gloves and join this worthwhile (and fun) work detail. Meet 9 am at the north end of the parking lot at Merrie Way & Pt Lobos Ave (1/2 block from the terminus of the Geary 38 bus line). Work should be completed by noon. Info: Clyde Wahrhaftig 285-1260.

Wkend College Program for Working Adults: Informational meeting, see 9/7 listing for details.

Beginning Tarot Class taught by Susan Levitt, see 9/7.

Composting Wkshop spons by the Ecology Center & the Alameda County Home Composting Education Program. Find out all you need to know about composting. 12:30-2:30 pm. $5, no one turned away for lack of funds. 2530 San Pablo Ave at Blake, Berkeley. Pre-reg & other info: Darlene 548-2220 by noon on the Friday preceding class.



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"Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid," thru Sept 29 at Josies.

Bi-Friendly Trip to Santa Cruz Boardwalk & Beach: Meet at the Guest Services office at 1 pm, look for the pink balloon. Call Isabelle—(408) 457-1863 weekends/(415) 566-1228 weekdays after 9/4—for reservations/info.

4th Annual Art Auction to benefit Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network. 3:30 pm silent auction, followed by live auction at 5 pm. Wide variety of artwork donated by local & Bay Area artists. Jazz piano by Bob Lucas, fabulous food from local restaurants & caterers, & fine local wines. At The Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa. $10 donation at door. Info/tix: (707) 887-1581.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Int'l Tournament: See 9/18.

Gay & Lesbian Videomakers Potluck: Socialize & network with people involved in all aspects of the medium. 6-9 pm, in SF. RSVP Nikos 775-6143.

SEXART: Housewarming & art opening at Mark I Chester's Folsom Gallery for a group show including the work of gay/lesbian artists such as Tee Corrine, Mark I Chester, Jill Poesner, Jack Davis, Raelyn Gallina, Phyllis Christopher, and such friendly non-gay artists as Charles Gatewood & Michael Rosen. Special events throughout evening. 6 pm-midnight, $5. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 621-6294.

Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: Monthly event. Casual social & movie watching for all lesbians 30 & over—single, monogamous, coupled, confused or whatever; if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! BBQ before the movie. Bring goodies to share. Eastbay location. Info: 531-3943. See you there!

Informal Coffeehouse at Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Warm, comfy social. Bring your music, humor, poetry, ballet slippers, etc, and spend the evening with friends. 7 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Lesbians Supporting Lesbian S/M Video Night! 7:30 pm. Call 525-9822 for info/location.

The Jesters at Asta Restaurant, One Rincon Ctr, 101 Spear St, SF. 7:30-11:30 pm, no cover.

The Zebra Brigade Social: What's Black & White & Red Hot? This social group for Black & White lesbian couples. Group meets today & every third Sat of the month. Bring your favorite dish (not potato chips), your favorite music (not easy listening) and your favorite date (your girlfriend) and come have a good time! Info/location: Lorrie or Anita 641-5980 or Naomi 569-3522.

Over Our Heads at Mama Bears: Night of hilarious comedy & music with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Controversial Feminist Author Andrea Dworkin discusses her new autobiographical novel, *Mercy*, a "brilliant, intense & impassioned look at sexual victimization, leading to a convincing indictment of a society that tolerates violence against women." 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Int'l Tournament: Final day! See 9/18 listing for details.

The Wild Hearts: Robin Flower, Nancy Vogl & Libby McLaren perform progressive folk & wild country at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8:30 pm, $9. Info: 548-1761.

ATA's Other Cinema Series features Bruce La Bruce's *No Skin Off My Ass*, in which a queer hairdresser falls for a sullen skinhead. Also a drag pseudo-biography, *Betty Page: Setting the Record Straight* and a homemade round-robin porn film, *Shred of Sex*. 8:30 pm, $5. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 648-0654.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with comics Mark Davis, Lisa Geduldig & Karla Carmony. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio with *Vomit Launch* and Ian Brennan. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

22 SUNDAY

Race of the Month with Eastbay Frontrunners. Walnut Creek Festival 10/5K Run. $12 with shirt before 9/15. Heather Farms, Walnut Creek. For more info call Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Folsom Street Fair Run with SF Frontrunners: Meet 9 am at the corner of 12th & Harrison, SF for a flat 4-mile run thru South of Market.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch: Mtg to establish a support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. 10 am-noon, free. call 482-0787 for details.

Your Body of Wisdom: Movement workshop at Della Davidson Studio. Uses movement, sound, writing & drawing to free women thru our bodies' wisdom. Potrero Hill, SF. 10 am-5 pm, $35-70. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. Advance registration required, call 826-2135 to register, get location & other info.

Beginning Tarot Class taught by Susan Levitt, see 9/7.

A Fair to Remember: Day for women to learn about volunteering with community organizations addressing issues affecting lesbians & women. Organization reps available to share info on how to contribute your time & talents. Entertainment presented by Ladies Against Women, Mothertongue Feminist Theatre, Lisa Geduldig & many more. Food & beverages sold. Noon-4 pm, free. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 495-5393. Spons by BACW (Bay Area Career Women) and the Women's Bldg. Organizational tables will be set up on the first floor, which is wheelchair accessible. Entertainment on the second floor.

A Fred & Fred/Ginger & Ginger Tea Dance: Afternoon at the Metronome Ballroom for lesbians & gay men. 2-5 pm. Beginning lesson & dancing. $5. 1830 17th St at Showplace Square, SF. Info: 252-9000.

GLOE Joins Lesbian Visual Artists: Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) joins LVA for an afternoon exhibit, "Dynamics of Color: Works by Lesbian Artists on Racism," slide/show talks with older lesbian artists about their work. 2:30-5 pm, $3-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. Wheelchair access at 654 Minna. Info: 626-7000.

Silvia Kohan in Concert at Josie's with her unique blend of blues, political, Spanish & Jewish music. Accompanied by pianist Tracy Stark. 4 pm, $7-9 SL. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Salsa at El Rio with *Candela*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Silvia Kohan in Concert at Josie's Cabaret with her own brand of powerful blues, Spanish, Jewish & political music. 4 pm, $7-9. Don't miss! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Aurora String Quartet at Old First Church: Program of works by Boccherini, Shostakovich & Beethoven. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 474-1608. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF.

Pomo Afro Homos present "Fierce Love" at Josie's, see 9/15.

Volunteer Mtg to help organize the Annual Fall Benefit for the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr & the Charlotte Maxwell Complimentary Clinic. Help needed in all aspects of publicity, production & programming. 6 pm at 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. For more info call Casey at WCRC 548-9272.

Postmodernism for Beginners: Michael Rosenthal, Modern Times Collective member, attempts to clarify the murky clusters of meaning that have gathered around the term "postmodernism." Presentation is needed for those of us who don't have a clue, and wished we did. 7 pm, $6 SL donation benefits the Modern Times Expansion Fund. No one turned away for lack of funds. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Feminist historian Susan Groag Bell reads from her memoir, *Between Worlds: In Czechoslovakia, England, and America*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Edgar Award-winning mystery author Julie Smith (*New Orleans Mourning*) brings back policewoman Skip Langdon in her new mystery *The Axeman's Jazz*, a take-off on a real-life serial killer who terrorized New Orleans in 1919 and wrote letters to the press offering to spare anyone in whose house jazz was playing when he went out to kill. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Foggy City Dancers Performance Team present a gay & lesbian square dance exhibition & host the back bar tonight at the Corral, 2140 Market St, SF. 8 pm. See you there!

Page Hodel's Wet—A new dance club for Women—see 9/1.

23 MONDAY

Fall Equinox Ritual with Ministry of Light's Women's Spirituality Group. Call 457-1115 for location & other info.

GLOE Show Auditions: Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) call for auditions for their 2nd annual GLOE show, "Vivent Les Differences," for lesbians & gays over 50. For appt/info call 626-7000.

Making Your Life Work workshop series at Rest Stop, see 9/9.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight, see 9/2.

Author Kurt Vonnegut in a "booksigning-only" appearance at Cody's to promote his new book *Fates Worse Than Death: An Autobiographical Collage of the 1980's*, which he calls "a collection of essays & speeches by me, with breezy autobiographical commentary serving as connective tissue & bandages." 7:30-9 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Journalist Ken Auletta discusses his book *Three Blind Mice: How the Networks Lost Their Way*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Improv Comedy, see 9/9.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign-up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

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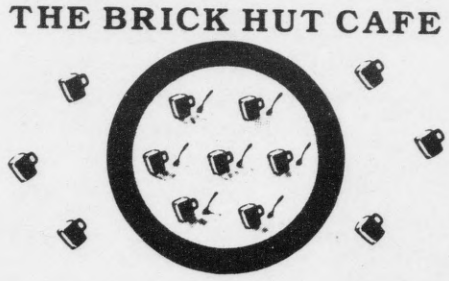

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24 TUESDAY

Family Law Plainly Spoken: Lecture/discussion with experienced family lawyers Lauren Naor & Jeffrey Hall, spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Questions answered on a variety of topics including support, property rights, adoptions, custody, restraining orders, and other legal situations. Noon-1 pm, free. Everyone welcome, regardless of gender, sexual preference or UCSF affiliation. Info: 476-0400.

Coffee, Conversation & Canasta spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders); see 9/3 listing for details.

Shanti Board of Directors Meeting: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Open to the public. Info: Craig Barnard 777-2273.

Rethinking Eco-Feminism: Tonight's Radical Women meeting reviews this controversial book by Janet Biehl. Tonight's program is the 6th presentation in RW's Feminist Theory Series (see 9/10 listing); call 864-1278 for location/time info.

Author Vicki Noble discusses her book *Shakti Woman—Feeling Our Fire, Healing Our World: The New Female Shamanism*, a user's guide to shamanic healing & empowerment. 7 pm, free at ClaireLight Women's Books, 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Please bring your own pillow or cushion for seating. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Autumnal Equinox Celebration & Communion: The Church of Amron welcomes everyone to join in the service. 7 pm, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Author Carolyn See reads from her book, *Making History. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.*

Undeniably Me! A safe & gentle movement group for women of size. Walking, dancing, stretching. Program helps you elevate your level of fitness by introducing you to a variety of safe & effective activities in a comfortable environment. Come discover your body's strength & desire to move. 6-wk session, 7:30-8:30 pm, $96. Tonight thru 10/31 at World Gym, Showplace Square, 260 DeHaro St, SF. Space limited, pre-reg required. Instructor Cinder Ernst. Info: 703-9650.

Sandra Butler reads from her new book, *Cancer in Two Voices*, tonight at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 8 pm. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales. 1009 Valencia St, SF.

Sandy Butler reads *Cancer in Two Voices*, a moving personal testimony about loving, working, and living fully with cancer. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Cody's Books: Carol Pearson discusses her latest book, *Awakening the Heroes Within: 12 Archetypes to Help Us Find Ourselves & Transform Our World*. She outlines and explores 12 heroic "inner guides" that exist in all our psyches, familiar heroes such as the Magician, the Sage and the Warrior. Book combines psychology, feminist theory, classical literature & New Culture spirituality. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Christian Huygen's "Waiting for Goddette" at Josie's, see 9/10.

KLITZ Sex Parties for Women—see 9/3 listing for details.

25 WEDNESDAY

Innovative Housing Mtg spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Come discuss your housing needs with other lesbians & gays. Get individual assistance in finding affordable housing, develop group housing for older lesbians & gays. Noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Rhythm Instruments & Improv from Venezuela/Latin America, with Jacqueline Rago. Part of Rest Stop Center's Rhythms of Life drop-in music-making series (see 9/11). All people with HIV concerns are welcome. Info: Betsy Rose 621-1701, 525-7082. 134 Church St at Market, SF.

Bi-Friendly UC meets for support/social, see 9/4.

Women's Business Network program topic: "Problem Solving for Every Phase of your Business: Start-up, 1-5 years, moving the next level!" 6-9 pm at Lake Merritt, Oakland. Intros, speakers, plus display table for business cards. Info/reg: 271-0165. For women in business and women changing careers.

Total Touch Massage: nonsexual group for men, see 9/4 listing for details.

Intro to Herbs class: 5 Wed, 7-9 pm, tonight thru 10/23. Class includes two herb walks. Learn field identification, harvesting, preparation of home remedies & more. Class uses a hands-on approach to a sensual understanding of herbs, opening instinct & intuition while providing clear intellectual grounding in the principles of herbology. You'll also get lots of samples, medicines & delicious food. $70-120 SL fee. Call 845-4028 for info/reg.

Fun Bondage Play Nite spons by Bondage Buddies. A nite of bondage, hard dicks & fun s/m in a fully equipped dungeon. Call 292-3228 for location & more info.

"Our Hidden Heritage," a lecture by Wilhelmina Cole Halladay, founder & president of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Talk focuses on the history of women in the arts. Followed by reception. 7:30 pm, free. Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor, 34th Ave & Clement St, SF. For info/res: 750-7645.

SF Wrestling Club Instructional Beginners' Meeting, see 9/11 listing for details.

The Ache Series: Monthly event showcasing Black lesbian & gay culture, presents an African Lady People's production tonight, featuring Donna Terry. 7:30 pm, $5-7. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Quick Release Rope Harness & Other Simple Bondage Techniques: Class with Hal, spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Hal demonstrates his rope harness, an original design which uses only one knot & involves wrapping the rope around itself. The harness follows the contours of the body from neck to crotch. Hal shows how to adapt it for male & female anatomy. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm at a private SF space. $15. Men & women over 21, of all sexual orientations, are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Global Riot at Josie's—see 9/4.

Sacred Circle Dance for lesbians & gays, see 9/11 listing for details.

Comedy Night at El Rio with Marga Gomez, Tom Ammiano, Liz Olsen & Don Stevens. 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325.

26 THURSDAY

"Winnie Mandela: The Persecution of a Freedom Fighter," discusson by Regina Farisani, South African activist. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, USCF. Info/res: 476-0400.

Men's Friendship Group spons by GLOE meets today, see 9/12 listing for details.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection, see 9/5 listing for details.

"A Journey Thru the Evolution of Western Consciousness," a lecture series with Robert McDermott continues thru 10/31. Lectures may be attended separately or paid for as a series. Tonight's program: "From Seeing to Reflecting, from Primal to Postmodern," an overview of the series which presents some contrasts between present & former ways of thinking; characteristics of primal (archaic or mythic) consciousness & reasons for their prominence in contemporary culture. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100. Series continues on the following 7 Thursday nights.

Gay Men's Sketch, drop-in male figure drawing group meets 7 pm at 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 205. Classical nude modeling. Info: 621-6294.

Rounds Singing for Women—see 9/5.

"Freedom, Glorious Freedom: Living Gay & Lesbian Spiritualities," a weekend with theologian & psychotherapist John J McNeill, who was expelled from the Roman Catholic Society of Jesus because of his writings & ministry to gay & lesbian people. Four days of special events. 9/26: "Drinking from Our Own Lesbian & Gay Wells: Achieving Mature Spiritual Autonomy," exploration of the connection between being loved & being free. With Judy Fjell, singer/songwriter & musical activist. 7:30 pm at Alexander Hall, SF Theological Seminary, 26 Kensington Rd, San Anselmo. 9/27: "Life is A Legitimate Search for Ecstasy: Know Your Longing, Love Your Longing, Consecrate Your Longing," a discussion of 12-step spirituality & the process of getting deeply in touch with the human search for ecstasy in an intimate relationship with the divine. 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, with the MCC choir. 150 Eureka St, SF. 9/28: "Gay & Lesbian Love Leading the Way to Fuller Human Love: The contribution of lesbian/gay liberation to the future of the American church," discussion of how the gay/lesbian & feminist liberation movements are having an important impact on the future of humanity & the church. A dialogue especially geared for members & leaders of lesbian & gay religious groups. 9:30 am-noon at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. At 7:30 pm: Life is a Dance with God: Enjoying the Freedom to Play", an exploration of the meaning of play & the conditions that make play possible for lesbian & gay people; with Margie Brown, teacher & artist. 9/29: John McNeill preaches at the 9 am & 11 am services at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, and the 5:30 pm Dignity/SF service at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. SL donations of $5-20 accepted at each event, no one turned away for lack of funds. Audiotapes available for purchase. Spons by the Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Ecumenical Alliance, call 552-2909, 457-1115 or 465-2778 for info.

Investigative Journalist Carl Hiaasen reads from *Native Tongue* at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: 486-0698.

Low-Income Support Network meets to organize, strategize & fight for a decent life for AFDC mothers & children, SSI/SSP recipients, state workers & taxpayers. 6-8:30 pm at SEIU Local #616, 337 17th St, SF. 2nd floor. For info call WEAP (Women's Economic Agenda Project) 451-7379.

Katherine V Forrest Hosts Naiad Authors' Evening at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. Come enjoy a lesbian literary frolic! 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Author Gus Lee discusses *China Boy*, his powerful first novel, the story of a young Chinese boy thrust from a sheltered existence into the mean streets of SF. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

"Damn Nation/Redemption," works by SF photographer Robert Bass. See Galleries for info.

Author Marianne Villanueva reads from *Ginseng and Other Tales from Manila*, "beautiful and poignant tales from the irony & chaos" that resulted in the People Power Revolution in the Philippines. 8 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Author T Coraghessan Boyle (*East is East, If the River Was Whiskey, World's End*) speaks as part of the Friends of the SF Public Library & City Arts & Lectures' series at Herbst Theatre, SF. 8 pm, $12 & $14. Info: 552-3656.

27 FRIDAY

Education A Right, Not A Privilege: A 2-day conference celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute, a unique center for peace law & human rights. Call 848-0599 for program information & registration.

Tahoe Camping & Fishing Wkend with Marin BACW. Join Bay Area Career Women for three days full of fun. Call Lynne 457-4866 or Tor 453-1207 for details.

Celebration '91: Deaf Artists & Performers: Festival of American Sign Language & Deaf Culture, today thru 9/29 at UC Berkeley. Weekend of events include gallery exhibits, evening performances of comedy, drama, poetry, storytelling & more, forums on deaf literature, deaf art, the Black Deaf image, & more. For complete details & tix info call Cal Performance Box Office or BASS, or DEAF Media, Inc at 841-0163 (voice), 841-0165 TDD.

Witness for Peace Northern Pacific Regional Gathering: 9/27-29 at Millersylvania Elk Park, Olympia Washington. Workshops, updates on Guatemala & Nicaragua, international debt, trade agreements. Plus lots of music, playing & celebration. Hiking, rowing, planned activities for kids & more. $35 gen'l if received by 9/1, $45 after. Kids $15 ages 4-14, $5 age 3 & under. For info contact WIP (503) 686-5012.

Children's Illustrators/Educators Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle discuss their newest book, *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* a delightful sequel to the popular *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*. The sequel introduces kids to the world of sound & hearing thru a parade of colorful zoo animals & the sounds they make. 4-6 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Mid-Peninsula BACW TGIF: See 9/13.

"The Progoff Journal: The Life Experience Workshop," a wkshop with Judith Favor. Participants experience the Intensive Journal workbook technique as a therapeutic process. 7-9 pm tonight, 10 am-5 pm tmw, noon-6 pm on 9/29. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Pagan Rituals of Power & Empowerment, a class by Ganymede, spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Power exchanges are inherent in most pagan rituals, Ganymede discusses their similarities to s/m play. He then performs several short rituals, including an initiation. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10:30 pm at a private SF space. $12. Men & women over 21, of all sexual orientations, are welcome. Info/location: 550-7776.

"Child Abuse Assessment, Reporting & Treatment," a workshop with Josie Lismay & J Patrick Gannon, designed to meet state requirements for licensing & license renewal as defined by Assembly Bill #141. Meets the requirements of the Board of Behavioral Science Examiners & the Psychology Examining Committee. Seminar gives participants a foundation in the issues of child abuse from the breadth of the presenters' varied clinical experiences, and related skills in assessment, reporting & therapeutic intervention. 7-9 pm otnight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Potluck Dinner & Games Night spons by BWMT (Black & White Men Together). Play your favorite games, learn new ones. Bring your favorite dish, dessert or drink to share. Doors open at 6:30 pm. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF.

Freedom, Glorious Freedom! Living Gay & Lesbian Spiritualities, a weekend with John J McNeill, see 9/26 listing for program details.

Playwrights' Ctr's Playreading series presents Michael Hull's "Father Goes Native", a comedy in verse about that other land named Love & Nature. 7:30 pm, $2-4. Blue Bear Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg, D, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 626-4603.

Where Heaven Begins: Reservations accepted for DSO Productions upcoming (10/1) benefit for Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC Services. Semi-formal benefit includes a musical recital, play & perfor-

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Bambi!! Sept 14 at Klubstitute (what more can you say?)

mance by the Carnal Kitchen Band. 7:30-11 pm at St Mary's Cathedral. Tix $75. For reservations & other info call 441-9172.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

Author Karen McCarthy Brown discusses her book on Vodou, the traditional religious practice of Haiti. In *Mama Lola: A Vodou Priestess in Brooklyn,* she sheds light on this very misunderstood religion by showing its emphasis on healing & renewal, and looking at 5 generations of Vodou healers, beginning with an African ancestor and ending with the newest initiate in Brooklyn. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Stanford String Quartet at Old First Church: Program of works by Quincy Portet, Edward Elgar & Mozart. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 474-1608. 1751 Sacramento St at Van Ness, SF.

Alternative Measures lesbian a cappella vocal quartet in concert at KBBK Studios. 8 pm, $6-8. 465 Broderick St, SF. Call 563-9046 for reservations.

Mothertongue Readers Theater performs "Survivors," their new script documenting & celebrating modern women's survival. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Eternity Chapman's Back! At Mama Bears for a concert of original reggae, soul, funk & jazz songs, done with humor & passion. 8 pm, $6-8 SL. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-9684.

Metropolis Improv Comedy Group in a one-night only show at Noe Valley Ministry. 8:15 pm, $8. 1021 Sanchez St nr 24th, SF. Info/res: 563-2496.

World Beat at El Rio—see 9/6 listing for details.

Christian Huygen's "Waiting for Godette" at Josie's, see 9/10. Final performance!

28 SATURDAY

Toward A Culturally Inclusive Art Education: Sources of a Distinct Majority, Part IV. A symposium for artists, teachers, art educators, art administrators & parents at SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Today & tmw. Info/program details: 771-7020.

Community Action in the Era of the "New Activist Court" is the theme of National Lawyers Guild's 21st Annual Alternative Law Day: Hundreds of Bay Area law students & lawyers convene at Golden Gate University to educate & organize the public interest law community in the atmosphere of the current Supreme Court. Keynote address by Daniel Sheehan, co-founder & lead counsel of the Christic Institute. Panel discussions presented on a variety of topics: reproductive rights, public education, environmental racism, the war on drugs, minority communities & HIV, education, international law, foreign intervention, homelessness, feminist legal theory, and much more. All welcome. Admission free. 9 am-5 pm, 536 Mission St, SF. Info: Bay Area Nat'l Lawyers Guild 285-5067.

Lake Merritt, Oakland Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Meet at the Cameron Stanford House, corner of 14th & Oak Sts, at 9 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Celebration '91: Deaf Artists & Performers: A festival of American Sign Language & Deaf Culture at UC Berkeley, see 9/27.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," a one-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA at Marin Community College. Olney Hall, room 105, Kentfield. 9:30 am-4 pm, $52. Info/reg: 485-9657.

Freedom, Glorious Freedom! Living Gay & Lesbian Spiritualities, a weekend with theologian/psychotherapist John J McNeill, see 9/26 listing for details.

Wkend College Program for Working Adults: Informational meeting, see 9/7 listing for details.

SF Wrestling Club Workout today, see 9/14.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology, tea recipes & wild foods. Walk emphasizes understanding the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Meet at noon at the Strawberry Canyon Fire Trial head, below the UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens on Centennial Drive, Berkeley. $5-11 SL. Call 845-4028 for directions/info. Rain cancels.

The Pulse of Life: Tantra for Witches & Their Friends. Class spons by QSM, part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Ganymede leads solo, paired & group exercises designed to awaken tantric energies. The exercises will *not* include any body penetration. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-5 pm at a private SF space. Men & women over 21, of all sexual orientations, are welcome. Info/location: 550-7776.

Seed Saving Class with Craig Dremann of Redwood City Seed Company. Spons by the Ecology Center. Learn how to harvest & preserve seeds from your garden. Covers seed selection, cleaning, storage & testing. $6 fee includes a copy of *Vegetable Seed Production in the SF Bay Area.* No one turned away for lack of funds. 2530 San Pablo Ave at Blake, Berkeley. For prereg & other info call Darlene 548-2220 by noon on the Friday preceding class.

Sunset Lesbians Beach Soiree! SF Inner/Outer Avenues. Meet for fire & fun—sunsetting walk & campfire. Call Judith 665-8402 for details.

Girth & Mirth Club 1950's Dance Party: Gay chubbies & chasers dance the night away to music of the 50's & early 60's at 176-B Page St, SF. $7. Info: 824-0260.

Soul Ventures Social Mixer at Kairos House: Evening of good company, food & fun spons by Soul Ventures, a nonprofit providing social networking & matching services for the HIV+/PWA community. Entertainment provided by vocalist Kelly Houston, with Tim Lewis on piano. $12. Info/RSVP: 543-2520.

Jazz Vocalist Clairdee at Asta Restaurant & Bar, One Rincon Center, 101 Spear St, SF. 7:30-11:30 pm, no cover.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1.

"Reflections," Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) presents the GAPA Dance Company in a repertory of Asian, Pacific & contemporary dances tonight at McKenna Theatre, SF State University campus, 1600 Holloway, SF. 8 pm, $12 in adv, $15 at door. Info/res: 282-GAPA. Don't miss!

The Debbie Fier Trio in concert at Mama Bears: Night of music combining jazz, world music, classical & a little bit of everything in between. 8 pm, $7-8 SL. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-9684.

Liss Fain Dance in "Sudden Changes" at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' SecondStage, 500 Castro St, Mountain View. 8 pm, $12. Info/res: 903-6000.

ATA Gallery's Other Cinema Series features "Optical Nervous," a multiple-projection retinal assault including the premiere of Francois Miron's 2-screen *Insanity*, Chuck Hudina's *Triptych*, Pad MacGlaughlin's 3-D spectacular and Andy Warhol's *Exploding Plastic Inevitable* with the Velvet Underground. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 648-0654.

Bi-Friendly Dancing at The Box: Meet at 9:30 pm for a night of fun. 628 Divisadero St, SF. Info: Valeries 681-4844.

Rock at El Rio with *A Subtle Plague* plus *Pillbox*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marga Gomez, Tom Ammiano & Marilyn Pittman. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

29 SUNDAY

Gay Run Practice with SF Frontrunners. Meet 9 am at the Polo Field parking lot in Golden Gate Park, SF. 9 am. Your last chance to practice for the 5K/10K Gay Run.

Toward A Culturally Inclusive Art Education symposium, see 9/28.

Corona Heights Herb Walk starts at noon today, see 9/14 listing for details.

Celebration '91: Deaf Artists & Performers: A celebration of American Sign Language & Deaf culture. Final day! Today's program features a children's performance. See 9/27 listing for details.

Cuban Rhythms at El Rio with *Cubanacan*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Tea & Classics at Josie's: Members of the Women's Philharmonic play in small ensembles on the last Sunday of each month. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Time to Mingle for Single Lesbians! All single lesbians are welcome to today's potluck picnic at Tilden Park. 4 pm. For info/directions call 444-1009.

Women's Circle for Peace: An ongoing women's ritual group focusing on peace meets this evening at 6 pm in Redwood Park, Oakland. Bring drums, rattles, songs & chants. Info: 333-0864.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love" at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/15.

Youth for Literacy Program at Modern Times Bookstore. Discuss *Books We Love Best*, a unique collection of children's book reviews written by Bay Area kids ages 5-17. 7 pm, free. Come meet the book creators. Proceeds from the sale of the book benefit local literacy programs. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Jimmy Breslin, essayist & prize-winning columnist, reads from his new book, *Damon Runyon: A Life*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

"A Night in Brazil," presented by CASA & Sambao. Dance & show, with live music by *Vos do Brazil*. Come samba & salsa the night away at Bahia Tropical, corner of Franklin & Market St, SF. $10 at door. Info: 695-0644.

Dirty Dreams of A Clean-Cut Kid at Josie's, see 9/1. Final performance.

Wet—A New Dance Club for Women—see 9/1 listing for details. See you there.

30 MONDAY

Informational Picket on issues such as the gag rule & the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination. Noon-1pm, spons by SF NOW & other pro-choice groups. Call 861-8936 for location & other info.

Women's Writers Wkshop spons by GLOE meets tonight, see 9/16 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight, see 9/2 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

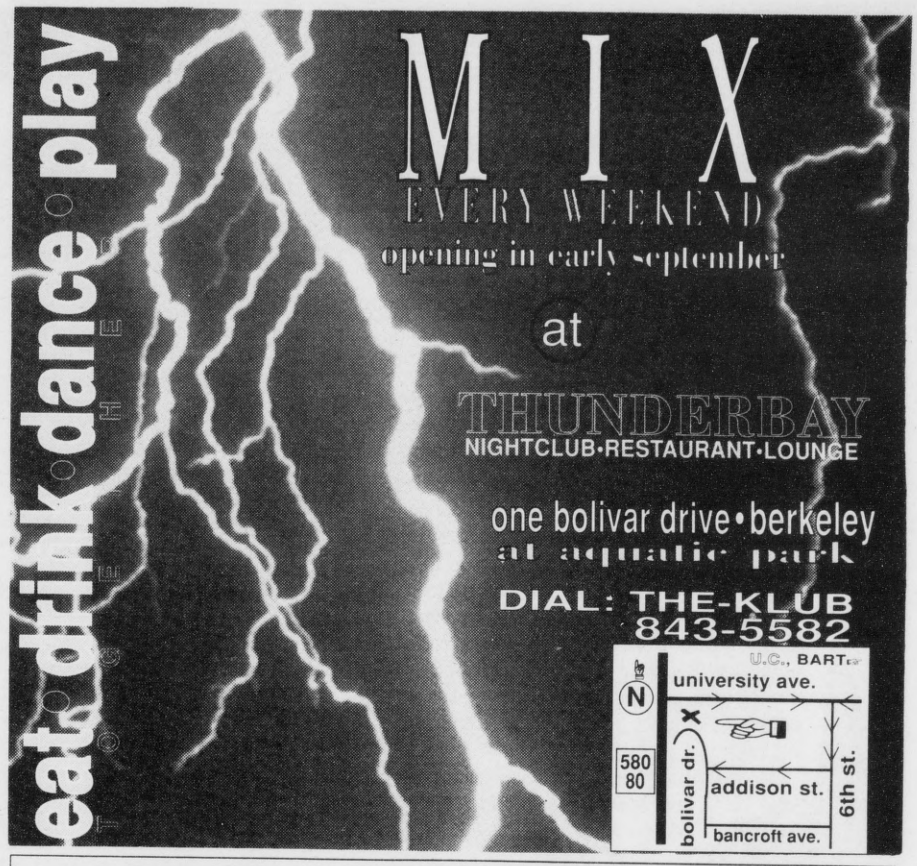
Making Your Life Work workshop series at Rest Stop, see 9/9 listing for details.

Stephen Carter, Yale University professor of law and former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall discusses his book, *Reflections of an Affirmative Action Baby*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Improv Comedy/Theatre night at Asian American Theater, see 9/9.

At Cody's Books: Author Jung Chang discusses her remarkable biography *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*, following three generations (her grandmother, mother, and herself) through 20th century China. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm. Info: 845-7852.

Columnist & Essayist Jimmy Breslin speaks tonight as part of Friends of the SF Public Library & City Arts & Lectures' 11th Annual Literary Events series. Herbst Theatre, SF. 8 pm, $12 & $14. Info/res: 552-3656.



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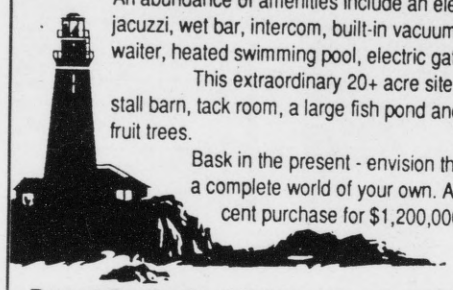

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Asian Art Museum: "The Playful Heart: Inro & Netsuke," exhibit includes approximately 200 objects selected from the museum's permanent collection of miniature sculptures; it coincides with the 1991 int'l convention of the Netsuke Kenkyukai Society in SF, 9/19-24. Exhibit runs thru 10/13. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm, and until 8:45 pm every 1st Wed of the month. Admission free on 1st Wed & 1st Sat mornings. Reg admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youth, kids under 12 are free. Info: 751-2500.

Jewish Community Museum: 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: Sun & Tues-Fri, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Sat & Mon. Admission free. Info: 543-8880.

Judah L Magnes Museum: Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 1990 Mother Jones Int'l Fund for Documentary Photography exhibit of over 50 images, the work of 9 prize-winning photographers; on exhibit thru 9/15. "Of Time & Place," works by Walker Evans & William Christenberry, exploring the unique vision & common ground these artists found in thier studies of one rural area (Hale County, Alabama); thru 9/8. "Toward A Truer Life: Photographs of China, 1980-1990," exhibit of color prints by Reagan Louie, documenting the photographer's self-discovery & China's surge toward Western-style modernization; thru 9/8. "Moonrise: Hernandez & Otherwise," exhibit of several original prints by Ansel Adams as well as works by contemporary photographers; thru 11/17. "Bravo 20": A National Park Proposal, Photographs & Installation by Richard Misrach; 9/18-12/1. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: "Facing Off: Bay Area Arts Activism—Pragmatic Strategies for Cannibalistic Times," Work by various Bay Area artists. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001.

Hatley Martin Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Electronic Comics & Computer Art," on exhibit thru 9/14. "Battle Lines: Cartoon Art During WWII," 9/21-12/28. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.

New Langton Arts: "Suspended Sound Illusions," an installation by Trimpin, leading figure in the field of interaction btwn Macintosh technology & acoustic instruments. 9/3-10/5, reception 9/3, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Robert Dana Gallery: Sculpture by 3 Latin American artists: Armando Amaya, Olger Villegas, & Hugo Castaneda. Plus paingings by Sarena Rosenfeld. Thru 9/30. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm Mon, Fri & Sat; noon-6 pm Sun. Tues-Thurs by appt only. Info: 749-1849.

Michael Dunev Gallery: "Signs of the Times," recent paintings by Hans Sieverding. 9/12-10/12. 77 Geary St, SF. Info: 398-7300.

Circle Gallery: Erte Art-to-Wear on exhibit 9/6-30. Reception 9/19, 5:30-7:30 pm. 140 Maiden Lane, Union Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, noon-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

Circle Gallery: Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, SF. Hrs: Sun-Wed 10:30 am-6 pm, Thurs-Sat, 10 am-8 pm. Info: 776-2370.

Art Lick Gallery: Works by Jessica Tanzer & JB Higgins. Thru 9/29. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.

ATA Gallery: Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Hrs: Sat 11:30 am-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 824-3890.

Walter/McBean Gallery, SF Art Institute: "S&L: Transactions in the Post-Industrial Era," group exhibition, an interrogation of late capitalism & exchange of value. 9/5-10/5, reception 9/4, 5:30-7:30 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Thurs until 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center: 2868 Mission St, btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Info: 821-1155.

Vorpal Gallery: 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

At SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Perfections in Porcelain," works by Armin Muller, thru 10/27. "The California Duck," exhibit of 60 California duck decoys; thru 10/27. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Richmond Art Ctr: "Hmong Story cloths: The Threads of War," exhibit of Laotian story cloths & handicrafts depicting the recent history of a Laotian village dislocated during a lengthy war waged by two greater power in Southeast Asia. The tragic events which befell these people were recorded by the women survivors in refugee camps in Thailand, where many villagers fled following their forced exodus from their homeland. In the Community Gallery, thru 9/15. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm Tues-Fri, noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Wheelchair Accessible. Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: 620-6772.

UC Extension Center Galleria: 55 Laguna St, SF. For gallery hours & other info call 861-6833.

University Art Museum: Major exhibit of works by German artist Rosemarie Trockel, thru 9/8. "Yoko Ono & Fluxus," thru 9/8. Matrix Gallery features concurrent installations by painter Ernst Caramelle & photographer Tim Maul, thru 9/15. "Frida/Trotsky," photographs by Debra Bloomfield; 9/14-12/8. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: 642-0808.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5:30 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Gallery Arcade: "Through the Lens Lightly: Photographers Look at Oakland," work by Richard Nagler & Eric Klatt, thru 9/10. 484 9th St nr Broadway, Oakl. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5:30 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-4 pm. Info: 271-7909.

New World Gallery: "Mondo" group show of 10 artists. Reception 9/13, 6-9 pm. Show runs 9/13-10/7. 4124 18th St (off Castro), SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-6 pm. Info: 864-3575.

Nelson Morales Gallery: "From the Four Corners," paintings & sculpture by Katherine Betz, Jason Godeke, Denny Holland, Alan Hunter, Dennis Murphy & Adam Savage. 9/5-10/3. 140 Geary St, Ste 301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs, Fri, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm. Info: 255-1432.

Fobbo Gallery: 3747 23rd St at Chattanooga, SF. Info: 695-0640.

John Pence Gallery: Large-scale works by Daniel Phill, Michael Lynch, Randall Lake, Peter Cox. 750 Post St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm.

Bomani Gallery: Mixed media works by Dewey Crumpler, Todd Gray, Nena Shanks Lewis, Carrie Mae Weems & Pat Ward Williams. 251 Post St, SF, 6th floor. Hrs: Tues-Fri 11 am-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 298-8677.

La Galerie des Artistes Francais: 2901 Pine St at Baker, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm, and by appt. Info: 292-4662.

Mace Space for Art: Hrs: Tues-Fri, 5-9 pm, Sat 10 am-9 pm. 1319 Pine St, SF. Info: 931-9670.

Vision Gallery: "21 Photographers from New Mexico," on exhibit thru 9/8. 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Urgent Images," an exhibit of almost 50 silkscreens by 11 artists on social issues & personal themes. Thru 10/5. Panel discussion 9/14 at 2 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: 763-4361.

Morphos Gallery: Hrs: Thurs noon-9:30 pm, Fri-Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

"A Sightseeing Excursion through Hell"—"Shadows in the City" screens Sept 14 at ATA Gallery. Pictured: Annie Sprinkle.

Somar Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-4 pm. Info: 861-9838.

Capp Street Project/AVT: New multimedia installation by George Stone. Stones' work consists of kinetic installation manipulating sculpture, projected imagery, text, electronically produced sound & controlled movements to confront repressed or overlooked aspects of human experience; thru 9/28. "To Be Administered Before Sleep," photographic installation by Erika Suderburg. Exhibit addresses issues of memory, history & cultures thru photos mounted on slate & partially buried in earth. Thru 9/28, public lecture 9/26 at 7:30 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 626-7747. 270 14th St, btwn Mission & South Van Ness, SF.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Sal Terrae," (salt of the earth), an exhibit of a temporary, site-specific work by Mie Preckler, suggesting "a duality of ruins & remains," an investigation of salt's capacity to embrace seemingly contradictory qualities, to both preserve & destroy life. Exhibit runs thru 9/27. Hrs: Tues-Fri 11 am-5 pm, Thurs 11 am-8 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Disability Access. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

The Lab Gallery: Exhibit of works by Joyce Burstein. 9/19-10/19. Opening reception: 9/9, 5:30-7:30 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1807 Divisadero St, SF.

The Clay Studio: Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat 10 am-5 pm or by appt. Info: 431-6296. 52 Julian St, SF.

Koncepts Cultural Gallery: Works by Sarita Johnson-Calvo. Thru 10/4. Artist's reception: 8/18, 2-4 pm. 480 3rd St, Oakland. Info: 763-0682.

Falkirk Galleries: "A Portrait of Marin," 40 portraits of Marin artists by Mill Valley photographer Nancy Kittle; 9/19-11/16. "Global Strategy," large-scale photos by Boyd Webb & Cay Lang; 9/19-11/16. 1408 Mission at E St, San Rafael. Info: 485-3328.

KBBK Studios: "Sycamores & Vines," paintings by Corrine Haverinen. 9/6-10/5, reception 9/8, 2-5 pm. Hrs: Wed 4-7 pm, Sun 2-5 pm. 465 Broderick St, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "Fraud & Other Paintings," works by Mark P Fisher. 9/6-10/12. Hrs: Tues-Thurs 11 am-5 pm; Fri-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: 849-0950.

"Urban Colors," mixed media works by John W Holmes on exhibit at Art Options, 1635 Divisadero St, SF. Thru 9/25. Info: 567-8535.

"The Nu-Work-Sho," artwork by Nance Paternoster. Thru 9/12 at Sabin Chiropractic, 3892 24th St btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Info: 826-8300.

"Athletes: Photographs 1860-1986," works by photographer Nickolas Murray and others, on exhibit thru 10/13 at the Alameda Historical Museum, 2324 Alameda Avenue, Alameda. Hrs: Wed-Fri 1-4 pm, Sat 11 am-4 pm, Sun 1-4 pm. Info: 521-1233.

"Circles & Rhythms," mixed-media works on paper by Elizabeth Hack. Thru 9/12. AMEX Life Assurance Co, 1650 Los Gamos Dr, San Rafael. Info: 492-7000.

"Through the Cracks," portraits & other paintings by Charles Wesley. On exhibit 9/25-10/17, opening reception 9/25 at 5 pm. Depot Gallery, Student Union Bldg, SF State University, 1650 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2580.

"Concerning Nature," a group art exhibit of the work of 20 artists, conceived for & installed at the Zen Center Hospice Guest House. Thru 2/92. Viewings by appointment only, call 863-2910 for info/appt. 273 Page St, SF.

"Structures of Color," an exhibit of paintings by contemporary French artist Jean-Pierre Rousselet. 9/3-21 at Alliance Francaise. 1345 Bush St, SF. Info: 775-7755.

"Artful Storage," a fine art exhibit of creative boxes in a variety of mediums, with themes ranging from the physical to the political. 9/6-10/2, reception 9/6, 7-10 pm. Soft Touch Gallery, 1580 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-3279.

ON STAGE

Home Visit by Lauren Cuttler, A 3-character play about a lesbian's interaction with her family during the time of her father's life-threatening illness; illustrates love, leaving, traditions & the strength of family ties. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Previews 9/5 & 6. Runs Wed-Sun 9/7-10/12 at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm with special Sat Twilight series performances at 5 pm on 9/14, 21, 28 & 10/5. Tix: $11-20. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Power of Sex by Deborah Sabin. An intimate comedy exploring a sex surrogate's realization that her own fears & inadequacies are similar to those of her clients. Smash Productions. Runs 8 pm Fri-Sun thru 9/15. Tix $12 & $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Bedini Theatre Project production. Set in rural Texas in 1975, tells the story of 6 women gathered in the local "5 & Dime" for the 20 year anniversary of their James Dean fan club. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, thru 9/20. Miz Brown's Restaurant Theatre, 2565 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 921-2769.

Commedia on Broadway Italian comedy in English, original material, directed by Jeanne Thomas. Tutti Fruitti Commedia Co production. Runs Mon & Tues, 9/2-17 at 8 pm. Tix $10. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 398-1541.

La Nona by Argentinian playwright Roberto M Cossa. A hilarious horror-comedy, a wild & wicked political parable written in the Argentinian "Teatro Grottesco" style, the story of a 100 year old granny whose voracious appetite wreaks havoc on her poor family. Eureka Theatre Co production. Runs 9/17-10/20, Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm. Matinees on 9/29 & 10/13 at 2 pm. Tix $15 matinees, $17 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $20 Fri & Sat, $15 opening night. Eureka Theatre, 2730 16th St at Harrison St, SF. Info/res: 558-9898.

Spider & the Cleveland Valentine by Bobby Ace Diamond. Two boxers, the older one nearing the end of his career and broken & resigned to taking punches, the younger one on his way up, coming to terms with his own identity, meet in the boxing ring. Exit Theatre production. Previews 9/12 & 13 at 8 pm, opens 9/14, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/5. Tix $8 previews $12 opening night,

$10 Fri & Sat. Exit Theatre, 366 Eddy St, SF. Info/res: 673-3847.

Grapes & Figs Are In Season by Emily Shihadeh. A Palestinian women's story; a compelling, witty & deeply moving monologue about Shihadeh's experiences as a Palestinian immigrant. Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/22. Tix $6-9 Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat, $8 Sun. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

That Serious He-Man Ball by Alonzo D Lamont, Jr. Provocative look a the frustrations of contemporary Black men with dreams deferred. Oakland Ensemble Theatre production. Thurs-Sun 9/26-10/20. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 2 pm, Sun eves at 7 pm. Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St at 9th, Oakland (Lake Merritt BART Station). Info/res: 763-7774.

Tripnology, three one-act plays by Jonal Woodward. "Dining Out with Hobo John," is about the homeless; "A Smokey Affair," about a fatal love affair between a man & his crack pipe, and "The Burial of Prejudice," is a satiric comedy. Woodward Associations & BMT Production. Fri-Sun thru 9/29. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Next Stage Theater, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush St, SF. Info/res: 822-7898.

Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw. Shaw's classic play about munitions & munificence opens Berkeley Repertory's 24th season. Previews 9/6-8 & 9/10. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 10/24. Sat matinees on 9/24 & 28, 10/12 at 2 pm; Thurs matinees on 9/19, 10/3 & 17 at 2 pm. Tix $18 previews, $29 opening, $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun, $29 Fri & Sat, $21 matinees. 2025 Addison St at Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Road to Nirvana by Arthur Kopit. Chilling black comedy follows three present-day movie industry hustlers, ready to make any sacrifice to cut the ultimate deal & make their mark in Hollywood. Encore Theatre Co production. Opens 9/25, runs Wed-Sun thru 11/3. Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 6 & 9:30 pm (except 10/26 & 11/3—8 pm, 11/3—3 pm. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 567-6076. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary ST, SF.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame (or Bats in the Belfry), a presentation by the New Vic Theatre of London, the West Coast run of its comic version of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Sat at 5 pm, Sun at 3 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm. Tix $15-27. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. Shakespeare at the Beach presents this production on 9/1-2, 7-8, 14-15 at Barbara Chevalier's beautiful lower garden in Stinson Beach, cloistered from the beach by high walls of sheared Monterey Cypress, comfortably seating 150 people. Tix $12.50 gen'l, $10 kids under 14. Info/res: 989-1127.

Dear Master by Dorothy Bryant. A dramatic conversaton between Gustave Flaubert & George Sand. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm (no performance 9/26-29) thru 10/6. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, between Ellsworth & Dana, Berkeley. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 653-8111.

The Queen's Garden, a work-in-progress by Brenda Wong Aoki. A dramatic adaptation of four Japanese & Chinese ghost stories in which she portrays a snake woman's relentless passion, a dead wife's revenge, the Monkey King's triumph over death, and the last dance of a ballerina in a Japanese WWII internment camp. Opens 10/16 at 8 pm, runs 10/16-11/3, Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm. Tix $10-14. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Ruddygore, Lamplighters Music Theatre production, a celebration of Halloween with a ghostly favorite. Opens 9/21, runs 9/22, 28-29; 10/4-5, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27. 8:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2:30 pm Sun. Tix $21. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.

Sitting Pretties by Moliere. A commedia farce produced by Magic Lightning Productions at the Broadway North Beach, 391 Broadway at Montgomery, SF. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 5 pm thru 10/20. Info/res: 526-5375.

Commedia on Broadway, original Italian comedy in English, with Tutti Fruiti Commedia Company. 9/2-17 at 8 pm. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 398-1541.

Play It Again, Sam by Woody Allen. A poignant & hilarious look at the modern single life thru the eyes of "Allan Felix," a recently divorced writer with a singularly remarkable imagination. Mysterious Management, Ltd production. Runs 9/6-8, 13-15, 20-22. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 2:30 pm. Tix $12.50 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs with ID. Info/res: 731-4680. Marin Community Playhouse, San Anselmo.

Magic of Bali, a two-week Balinese theatre, music, & dance festival featuring shadowmaster Larry Reed presenting two traditional Balinese shadow plays & Gamelan Sekar Jaya performing Balinese dance & Gamelan music, including a masked Topeng dance/drama and a concert of Balinese music performed on rarely-heard Gamelan instruments. 9/4-15 at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Tix $10, with discounts for children, students & seniors. Info/res: 863-9834.

The Amazon All Stars by Carolyn Gage. A musical comedy about a lesbian softball team called the Desert Hearts. Actors' Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm, 9/1, 6-8, 13-15 at 8 pm. Santa Cruz County Actor's Theatre, Art Center, 1001 Center St, downtown Santa Cruz. Info/res: (408) 425-PLAY.

Brigadista by Tanya Shaffer. Humorous, probing play about a young woman's journey thru Nicaragua during the 1990 elections. Takes a sharp look at the role of North American activists in third world countries, and the intricate relationships forged between them and the people they want to "help". Runs Thurs-Sat 9/5-28 at 8 pm. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 low income. Capp St Center, 362 Capp St, btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Info/res: 526-7451.

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The Women's Philharmonic

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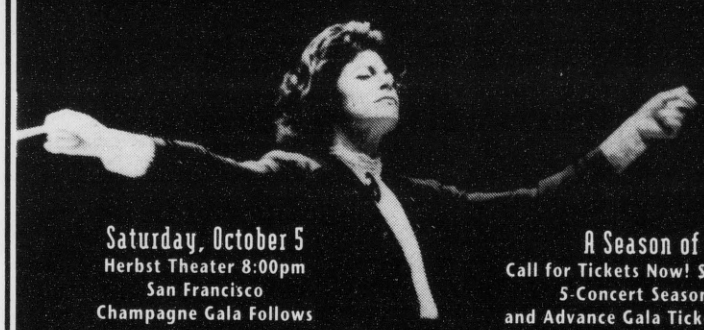

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AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Parking & assisted access available. Call 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Gay Male Drop-In Group: for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns. Mon 7-8 pm at Operation Concern/Operation Recovery. Intake appt: 626-7000.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 553-8806.

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

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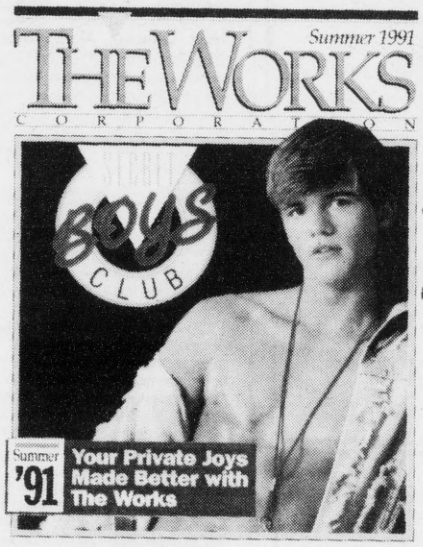

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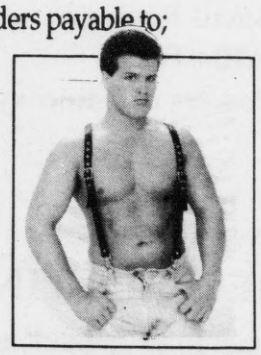

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Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A doctor's report of a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is all that is necesssary to receive service. Info: 558-0600.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families, friends & loved ones. PWA & HIV-impacted support groups, outreach & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: 313-6770.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Easy Does It Coffeehouse for artists addressing HIV issues. Monthly performance space for poets, songwriters & other performers who are affected or concerned with HIV. Supportive place to try out works in progress, read/perform work by others, or just listen. Hosted by musician Betsy Rose. For date, time & other info call 525-7082 or 621-1701. 134 Church St (across from Safeway), SF. Spons by Shanti & the Calif Arts Council.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with A!DS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: 834-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay 834-8181.

Project Inform: for info on experimental drug treatment call the hotline: 558-9051 (local), (800) 334-7422 (statewide), (800) 822-7422 out of state. Office: 558-8669. Group publishes newsletter. Archives open to the public by appt.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: 887-0566.

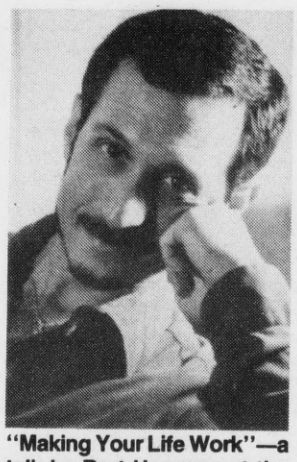
HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: David Hoefer, LCSW or Bettye Travis 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.



"Making Your Life Work"—a talk by Bert Herrman at the Rest Stop center. Sept 9 has details.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, "buddies", spiritual gatherings, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 512-3400.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 512-3400, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 512-3403, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0533.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11 am-4 pm on Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Bisexual & Heterosexual Men's HIV Group meets Wed. Free. Spons by SF AIDS Foundation. Info: Christopher Alexander 864-5855, ext 2511.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

HIV Positive Lesbians: support group spons by the Iris Project. Break thru isolation, learn new skills, get info, discover alternatives. Get assistance in maintaining sobriety. Call 864-2364 for intake appt/info. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Women with HIV Concerns: free, confidential counseling available thru Iris Project. Call Nehoma 864-2364 for an appt/info.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

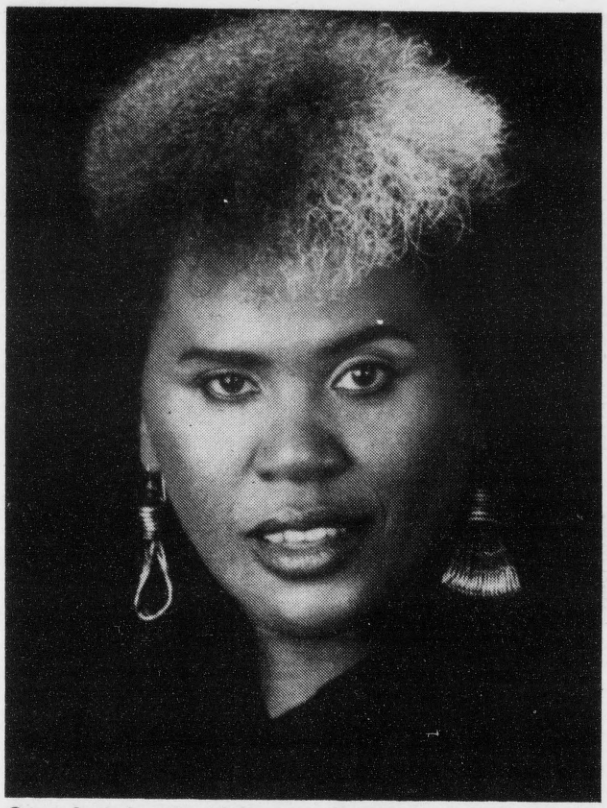
African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Thurs at 5:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Tues, 3-4:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Info: 441-1980.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led



Gwen Avery's sultry blues grace the stage at Josie's Cabaret, Sunday, Sept. 15.

by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

Therapists Support Group for those whose major focus is AIDS/HIV. Spons by Jewish Family & Children's Services & Shanti Project. For information call Jody Reiss, LCSW at JFCS, 561-1241 or Gail Winston, MFCC at Shanti Project, 777-2273.

KS Support Group meets Sun 4-5:30 pm. Info: 864-0432.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Immune Disorders Educational Assoc (IDEA(provides info & monthly lectures on protocols for treatment/prevention of HIV & other immune disorders. Call 979-IDEA for info. 3739 Balboa St, #222, SF 94121.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 626-6763.

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay male community. Info: 341-0964.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Dianic Witch Coven for lesbians in recovery. For time/location & other info, send large SASE to Sami, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119.

Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing & time-limited therapy groups at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/intake appt: 552-7230

Alanon/ACA Mtg at Rest Stop for people dealing with AIDS/ARC or HIV+. See AIDS Resources or call 621-REST.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in Recovery from Drug Addiction Group—see Incest & Battery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 282-2438, 826-9423.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 821-4642.

Gay Male Drop-in Group for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns, see AIDS Resources. Spons by Operation Concern/Operation Recovery.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Tues eves 7-9 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $30. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 558-2444, 558-2226.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: ongoing self-help groups meets Fri eves in SF. Occasional openings available, 12-wk commitment. Info: Jay 586-4822.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Voluntary Arts Contribution Fund (VACF) invites applications from SF's nonprofit arts, cultural & other organizations. Deadline: 9/20 at 5 pm. For info call 554-6710.

Frameline Film/Video Completion Fund is now accepting applications. The Fund was established to provide support to lesbian & gay video & filmmakers who have demonstrated advanced & innovative skills consistent with the goals of Frameline. Submissions accepted for documentary, dramatic, educational, animated or experimental projects about or of interest to lesbians & gay men & our communities. Unrestricted grants up to $5000 are given on the basis of need, content, originality & the credentials of the production team. Application deadline: 10/5. Awards Announcement: 12/15. Info: 861-5245.

SF Film Society 1992 Golden Gate Awards Competition Call for Entries: Internationally recognized competition, one of the most prestigious of its kind in the US, presents awards in 4 divisions—film, video, television, Bay Area filmmakers, and new visions. Deadline: 12/6. Info: 567-4641 or fax 921-5032.

New Dyke: Call for submissions. Venus Press seeks single-panel cartoons, strips & cartoon stories for "New Dyke," an anthology of cartoons by, for & about lesbians. Fantasy, soap opera, humor, sci fi, feminist satire/politics, explicit sex, stories about growing up, coming out, romance, aging, etc are welcome. Send SASE to Venus Press, 7100 Blvd East, Guttenberg, NJ 07093. Deadline: 12/1.

Women with Immune System Disorders, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, Endomentriosis, Chronic Fatigue, MS, Asthma, Allergies, Environmental Illness: Submissions sought for an anthology about women's experiences living & coping with these illnesses. Send submissions, typed if possible, or write for more information: Canaries in the Mine, 75 Hartford St, SF CA 94114. Send SASE. Submissions by women of color & lesbians are especially welcome. Deadline: 12/1.

7th Annual Film Arts Festival, to be held 10/20-11/3 at the Roxie Cinema in SF, seeks submissions of film & video. Independent films & videos of any length & genre, in 35mm, 16mm & Super-8 film or ¾" video (½' VHS tapes acceptable for preview) by Northern Calif artists are eligible. For more info/entry forms contact Robert Hawk, Festival Director, Film Arts Foundation, 346 9th St, SF, CA 94103. 552-0602.

GAWK, a quarterly magazine of the arts, seeks submissions of art & writing relating to the experience of being gay, from all social/cultural/gender perspec-

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► FUN & GAMES

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Haas-Lilienthal House Tours: noon-3:15 pm Wed, 11 am-4:15 pm Sun. Docent-led tours. The House has stood on Franklin Street since 1886. $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12 & under. Info: 441-3004.

Lesbian Games Group: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

Making Waves: group meets for a nonstructured, private, large women's swim in the Eastbay. See Sports for details.

► HOBBIES

Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 221-8518.

Women's Reading Group for Women Over 40: Meet to read feminist novels, poetry, etc. SF location. Info: Alana 824-6169.

Eastbay Women's Reading Group: Small, informal group meets 3rd Wed of each month. Call 654-7435 for info/location.

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay people interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: 352-0301.

Lesbian Cartoonists welcome female fellow twisted souls for support. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 6 pm. Info: JD 835-8388, or Roxxie 733-2149.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends. Folk dancing with emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. Ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world taught. Beginners welcome! Every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at SF Dance Theater, 60 Brady, at Market & Gough, SF. 8-10 pm. Info: Laura or Howard 359-0207.

Classical Music Lovers Group: Listen with others to your favorite CDs, tapes or records. Monthly or bi-weeklyh mtgs with occasional potlucks. Women & men welcome. Info/location: Ed 922-7108.

Beam-In: The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 7 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Call 647-3325 for location/details.

1-1 Massage Group for in-shape 18-45 yr olds. Inexperienced, male or female, OK. For info, send SASE with phone number to George, PO Box 590790, SF CA 94159-0790.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 558-4901.

Gay Legal Referral Services for all legal problems. ½ hour consultation, $20. Some low-fee & no-fee referrals available. Info: 621-3900.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a fair housing agency in Alameda, offers services to Alameda residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees (contact the Rental Assistance Program, 836-4826 in northern Alameda county, 581-9380 in southern Alameda county), homeseeking program (call 836-4826 countywide).

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Dept. of Public Health. Hotline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Telefaery: Events Line of the Radical Faeries—Call 626-3369 for upcoming events & other info.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

California Runaway Hotline provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

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"Waiting for Godette" opens at Josie's Cabaret this month. See Sept 10 for details.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 264 Valencia, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in recovery from drug addiction. Group offered by Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Drug Detox Project. Call Holly Gold, MSW or Pam Kirby 565-1908. Free.

First-time group for lesbian survivors of incest & childhood molestation. Must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Mon 1:30-3 pm, SL fee. Info: Alesia Kunz at Operation Concern 626-7000.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachab, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222. SF residency not required.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.

Battered Lesbian Drop-In Group: spons by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay Fathers/SF Bay Area a support group for gay men of all ages dealing with issues of parenting. Monthly supper mtgs with discussion, plus social events & outings with kids. Info: 759-5122. Newcomers welcome!

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Lesbian Mothers of Teenage & Adult Children group: call 626-7109 for info.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Parents Park Hop & Doo Wop: social group for mid-Peninsula-SF gay & lesbian parents of the 2 & under crowd. Monthly outings, babysitting exchange, musical adventures, treasure hunts, etc. Info: 598-9265.

Lesbian Parent Group meets Mon eves at 7 pm. All types of lesbian parents are welcome to join this small, informal group. For location & other info: 861-0545.

Lesbian Parent Group for lesbians whose children are of speaking/school age. Socialize, get support; exchange childcare, parenting ideas. Info: 861-9822.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 251-8766, events hotline (408) 293-4525.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our

losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to J Baer, Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883 or 827-4077.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
East Bay Lesbian Parents support/social group. Call Toni 652-8183 for info.
Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamater, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.
Parent Counseling: Free. Informal. Both large & small questions welcome. Instructor/counselor with 20 years experience in parent education & child development. Wed 7:30-9 pm. Castro Valencia Ctr. Info/appt: Jan Baer 239-3660 (days).
Perinatal Project for drug abusing pregnant women & mothers. Get help with crack & cocaine addiction. Women helping women stay sober; spons by the Women's Institute for Mental Health. For info call 864-2364 or drop in at orientation, Mon-Thurs at 3 pm. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Fri at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Thom Bean, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color, focus group of Queer Nation. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Interracial Relationship Social Mixers/Wkshops: hosted by BWMT/Bay Area. Monthly, 7-10 pm, $5 donation. Facilitated small group discussions, followed by social period. Anyone interested in exploring an interracial relationship is welcome. Info: 641-5706.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; 548-8283.
Black Lesbian Support Group for Black lesbians in multicultural relationships. Meets 1st Sun of each month. Oakland location/accessible. Info: 839-3302 or 653-5732.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 569-3522.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda 465-2573.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) meet to network, socialize, do political work, educate, have fun. Info: Midgett 648-3658.
Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Japanese Lesbian Group: Nihongo o Bokokugo to suru Lesbian no Group. Maitsuki Daini Nichiyobi Meeting Ari. Denwa (Yoru) 563-8253.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A social & community service organization for gay Latinos & friends. Info: 695-0644 or write PO Box 590276, SF 94159-0276.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455 or write 370 Turk St #36, SF 94103.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 221-4944.
Asian Pacific Sisters: an organization of Asian Pacific lesbians & bisexual women. APS provides its members with an atmosphere where they can openly share their experience. APS includes women of various Asian heritage, including Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese & others; and sponsors picnics, potluck dinners, softball games & over events. For upcoming business/social events call 750-3385. All Asian/Pacific lesbian & bisexual women are welcome!
Vietnamese Lesbian & Gay Support Group: safe, supportive environment for lesbian & gay men to talk & share experiences in Vietnamese. Discussion topics include: coming out to Vietnamese family & friends, relationships, health & safe sex practices; racial, gender & sexual stereotypes. Addt'l topics chosen at mtgs. Confidentiality respected. Group meets every 3rd Sun in SF, 3-5 pm, every first Sun in San Jose, 3-5 pm. Info: Dung Nguyen (women) or Tony Nguyen (men) at 771-7256, 7-9 pm Mon-Fri or write: Vietnamese L/G Support Group, c/o Asian Pacific Alliance, PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 548-WCRC or 548-9272 for more information.
Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 658-1868.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. Current groups include City Swing, SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, SF Flag Corps, SF Tap Troupe, Outlook Video, and The Guild. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. Music-reading ability a plus, but not required. Rehearsals Tues eves in SF. Women of color especially encouraged to audition. Info: 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael 525-6723, Bob 863-8268.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. Group follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Holds salons, spons shows & conference, newsletter, etc. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; 655-7404.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit providing legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: Direct action group of queers fighting for our queer rights *now*. Open to all sexual orientations & gender identities. Meets Wed, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Guerrero, SF. For info on mtgs, emergency activations & future actions call 985-7141.
LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action)—focus group of Queer Nation. Lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.
United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color, a focus group of Queer Nation. See People of Color listings for more info.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For mtg time/location & for upcom-

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ing actions, call 464-3072.
The Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission works to focus world opinion on the oppression of gays & lesbians throughout the world. Currently organizing symposium on gay & lesbian issues to be held in Moscow & Leningrad, 7/91, and other projects. Info: IGLHRC, 2978 Folsom St, SF CA 94110 or call 647-0453.
Feminist Alliance for Peace/East Bay. New women's group making the connections btwn US violence abroad & violence against women at home. Primary focus on direct legal action against violence against women in the media. Info: 644-0480.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call 647-7019.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 863-9697 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 347 Dolores St, #312, SF 94110. Gen'l membership mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Radical Multicultural Feminist Bisexual Network: political action/discussion group. WA, SIGN available. Info: Pata 567-6883.
Bisexual Feminist Men's Group: Bi men addressing feminism in their lives thru political action/discussion/theater. Paul 731-7648.
Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
GAYLESTA, organization of gay, lesbian & bisxual psychotherapists. Professional networking, internal & external education, and social events. Info: Don 339-8077.
Therapists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns holds Bay Area lesbian women psychotherapists' potluck on the first Sat of each month, 11-1 pm. Also professional networking, member presentations, socializing. Info: Maris Smith (408) 629-6890.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: PO Box 528, SF 94101 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Stanford Lesbian & Gay Alumni: group for Bay Area Stanford alumni. Theater, outings, parties & other activities. Come join us! For info write SLAG, PO Box 460632, SF 94146-0632 call Dick 648-5836.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy 845-7441.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, upstairs at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz 857-1044.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call 656-1383.
Dog Lovers Group for folks interested in walking our dogs together, pooch picnics, dog play sessions, or other fun activities with our pets. Eastbay location. Small dogs welcome. Info: 486-0615.
Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly event. Casual social & movie-watching. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, unidentified or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. For info/location: 531-3943.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: Come meet your neighbors in Fremont, Union City, Newark, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004 and leave your name, phone number & address.
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Couples of SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay couples & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call 929-8402 or 626-6561.
Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.
Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.
CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.
Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.
Chinese gay group meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.
Zebra Brigade Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980, or Naomi 569-3522.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Deutsche Freundschaftkreis hat seine naechste Potluckparty am dritten Freitag dieses Monats. Alle die, die Deutsch sprechen oder einfach Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Auskuenfte bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian Group: Ruscophiles with a sincere desire to speak Russian meet for social Russian conversation & potluck on the 2nd Fri of each month, at 8 pm. Call 647-3325 for location & details. All levels are welcome.
Jewish Lesbian Social/Cultural Group meets in SF, call Laura 864-1635 for info.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Now We've Got The Time: social group for gay men with HIV, see AIDS Resources for info.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Beit Shekhinah Congregation: inspired by the feminine principle & Jewish sacred art. Creative, egalitarian Judaism. Meets in the Eastbay at Hillside Church, El Cerrito. For info: Rabbi Leah Novick 451-6437.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, 420-1454, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call 652-6355.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 8:30 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednes-days, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: 465-8652.

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SexArt Groupshow of work by Gay/Lesbian artists at Mark I. Chester's gallery this month—Galleries has details.

Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 11 am. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. Acceptance gay support group meets Tues, every two weeks. 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: 861-1434.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Dignity/SF: Gay & Lesbian Catholics, friends & families celebrate the Eucharist. Dignity's here for good! Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Sun 5:30 pm. Info: 255-9244.
Dignity/East Bay: a faith community of lesbian & gay Catholics, our families & friends. For times & locations call 995-2535. Also raps, social events.
Lunchtime discussion group in the financial district for gay, lesbian & bisexual Catholics interested in issues of sexuality, spirituality & religion. At Old St Mary's Church, 660 California St at Grant, SF. Call Fr Don 986-4388 for details.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, 339-1131.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. AIDS Chaplaincy Team available. Pastor: Rev Jodi G. Safier. Info: 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: 827-2960.
MCC of the Redwoods in Marin. 6 pm Sun worship service. Rev Coni Staff, pastor. 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939. Info: 927-2018.
MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Jl Torres. Info: 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends celebrate & join in wkly fellowship, 5:30 pm Sun at St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is an inclusive community involved with & in the Episcopal Church, with an outreach to the community thru an active AIDS ministry & special programs oriented toward the spiritual growth of gay/lesbian Christians. Info: 553-5270.
Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.
The Parsonage: is an Episcopal ministry called to advocate justice for lesbian/gay people, and to witness to the Godliness of gay/lesbian love. Central location at 555A Castro St. Mtg space available for rent to 12-Step groups, AIDS support groups, advocacy groups & others. Info: 552-2909.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church of Christ: friendly, inclusive, liberal Protestant church. Creative, shared leadership. Open to all. Sun 5 pm, 777 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Info: 486-0625. Also discussion, movie & service groups.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.
Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St, SF. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Tues & Thurs, 10 am-5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-8460.
California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.
Gay Clergy Support Group: For gay religious & clergy in the Bay Area. Info: Brother Jonathan 584-1034 8-10 am, or pm.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Thurs at 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 10 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.
Eastbay Frontrunner's Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 190973, SF 94119-0973 or call 285-1260 eves.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

HiMA!: Homosexuals in the Martial Arts: nationwide organization for men & women martial artists. All ranks & styles welcome & encouraged! Info/newsletter: HiMA!, PO Box 590601, SF 94159-0601.

Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists (PAWMA) promotes martial arts trainig for women. Dedicated to improving the physical, mental & spiritual development of women martial artists in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Supports access to schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances, training camps & more. Info: 664-7034 or write: PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley, CA 94701-12861.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991 or Gary 558-9195.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call 538-8490 or 821-9721 for details.

Out of Bounds Golfing Club provides support & golf outings, encouragement & companionship to gay men & lesbians of all abilities who enjy golf. Info: 647-3687.

Bay Area Women at the Helm (BAWATH) is a lesbian boating & sailing club open to all women. Info: 236-0715 or write BAWATH, PO Box 2327, Berkeley, 94702.

Different Spokes, SF: gay & lesbian weekend recreational rides & touring, for all levels. Call 282-1647 for weekly ride, bi-monthly mtg, & social events info.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes: SF's Gay Scuba Club. Monthly mtgs. Dive trips to Monterey, scuba certification classes, social events & exotic dive trips. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

Gay Men's Basketball: Sun at 6 pm, 100 Collingwood St, behind Cala Foods, 18th & Collingwood (in the Castro), SF. Info: Tony 621-2710.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Joe 621-9964.

Berkeley Swim Team: spons swim workouts, competes in lesbian & gay swim meets. East Bay swimmers, novice thru experienced, are welcome to join! Info: Chris 654-9719.

Making Waves: Private, fat women's swim every Sun morning, 11 am-1 pm at Albany High School Pool. Nonstructured. Volleyball, lap swimming, play & conversation. There are height/weight requirements, call Linda 524-6470 for info.

The Banshees Lesbian Soccer Team: the only all-lesbian team in the Golden Gate Women's League. Call 655-1189 or 835-1095 for info.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 255-3162 or 648-3059.

Women's Soccer Team: The Sirens, East Bay women's team, welcomes new players. Season begins in August. For info on summer practices/locations call 641-8771 or 547-3675.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Lesbian-only groups available. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Lesbian Therapy Group to explore and heal issues of co-dependency, intimacy, anger and self-sacrifice. Wed 6-7:30 pm, SL fee. At Pacific Center, Berkeley. For info contact Kris or Claudia, 548-8283.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

Grief & Creativity: 10-wk group for women wishing to explore unresolved grief issues. Spons by Children's Hospital of SF & Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. For more info call Martha Russell, LCSW, 750-6160; or Diane Spaugh, MSW, 923-3515.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: 548-2570.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: John W 626-7000.

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BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-1115.

Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: Peer education, support groups and clean & sober alternative activities for lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning youth and young adults under 23 years old. Also parent education & referrals, community involvement. Info: Donna 565-7681.

Organizing...

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Kivel says, "I get at least seven or eight calls a week to find out about LYRIC." Attendees of LYRIC events run about 60/40 men to women and about 70 percent youth of color. Phillips, who attends the women's group, says "It is really empowering. It feels safe."

Kivel said that surveys of youth were done to get an idea of what they wanted from a center, and that their responses form the basis of the center's blueprint. The first priority is a place to hang out with options to participate in activities, a gym, rooms for clubs, referrals for counseling and jobs, and tutoring. She hopes that groups serving youth would use the center as a permanent site. A preliminary budget has been pulled together, but the figures vary widely, depending on whether a building would be bought or rented, whether renovation would be necessary, and how much staffing would cost.

LYRIC's profile has been raised recently, thanks to the KRON special, "Growing Up and Coming Out," which features LYRIC in one segment and was aired in March and June. In this election year, the needs of queer youth are suddenly a hot topic. Stevenson says, "Lots of people are paying attention to youth this year in a way they haven't in the past." Kivel said GLYA feels "Now is a good time strategically to move for the center." She added, "Now was the time years ago, but..."

The September 10 forum is an attempt to take these concerns to a larger audience. Ciasullo noted that the gay community makes up 25 percent of the voting bloc in the City. "I would like to see all the Democratic clubs, activist groups and business groups acknowledge this is a priority issue to move it out of the ghetto of special interests. This shouldn't be seen as a marginal issue." The fear is that nothing will happen without the support of the wider gay community. Ciasullo said, "This is a group who are often unable to do advocacy for themselves to get the attention they need." Kivel says youth are often overlooked because "they don't vote, and they have no money." Bachler says, "No one else embraces these young people except us, and we haven't done a very good job of it."

Kivel adds, "It is incumbent on all of us to take that responsibility to make it safe to come out. It's the isolation that's killing them, the idea that they are all alone—when a 16-year-old lesbian comes up to me at a LYRIC dance and says, 'I didn't know there were any other 16-year-old lesbians in San Francisco'—that's the shame of the City, I think."

Kivel says it is important that the adult community not take on a paternalistic role, however. "They are not really our young people. They are their own youth community. We need to provide them with what they need to empower their lives and make it easier for them."

The forum will take place September tenth at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, San Francisco City Hall from 5:30 to 8 pm.

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BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

Muscle Bound

August was an extremely busy month. Every time I turned around, I found myself in a hot, sweaty, sold out nightclub or venue seeing yet another bitchin' act. When I wasn't doing that, I was observing Madonna's 33rd birthday and the 14th anniversary of the death of Elvis (the same day), sleeping or turning 29-years-old myself.

Wait, don't worry, this isn't going to be one of those "Growing up Gay" personal essays. Nope, not here, no chartered tour from my chicken beginnings to my nesting gay maturity. In fact, if you're even looking for maturity, you're barking up the wrong byline. At the age of 29, the only thing I wish to say about this "growing up" thing is that I will not be an adult until I weigh 200 pounds. Count on it.

But I am wondering about one thing: After reading the cover story of the August *SF Bay Times* on the subject of gay men touching, in which an 18-year-young Ryan explains how it's clear to him that when an older man comes up and rubs his super-attractive burr-cut it's likely because he's intimidated by the fact that Ryan is so young and relatively together or whatever. Yeah, whatever, but I bet dancing in briefs with a raging woody at Uranus has something to do with it, too. But my question is, Why do gay men of all ages do that to me? Oh yeah, intimidated by how relatively together I am at 29. But I don't know, is that still young enough to be intimidated by? Boy, next time I rub a youngster's burr head, I guess he'll have my number. This attitude is as tired as a chorus of 100 mincing, snapping queens screaming in unison, "After 25, it's all downhill, girl." In fact, it's the same damn thing. Make that 101.

Photo by Marc Geller

Elvis Herselvis

Speaking of all that royalty, I can't let it go unsaid that The King, Elvis Herselvis, put on one of her greatest performances to date at Klubstitute last month in a benefit for the Street Patrol. She's gotten perfect, and so has her ever-growing bevy of lovely, screaming, fanatic followers, reaching complete hysteria with newsreel-perfect timing. Among her fans I discovered the beaming Kris Kovick, cartoonist/writer/hot butch top extraordinaire, who explained to me, "I went straight for Elvis." Elvis—a.k.a. Leigh Crowe—was a complete ball of fire. Her moves have long been perfected, but now she throws them out with such fierceness the words "world tour" flashed in my vision like an applause sign. Not only an adept performer, E.H. has a very special relationship with any camera that gets near her, kind of the way Elvis did with his many co-stars, starting with Ann Margaret. Check the recent issue of *On Our Backs* for proof on that notion. Elvis Herselvis is cover star, and a feature photo layout inside provides one photo that would probably give Bruce Weber hot flashes and make Chris Isaak jealous. All I can say is, Where's David Lynch when you need him?

Had he been there that night he may have been even more captivated by God's Girlfriend, in what may have been one of his first performances. Standing well over six feet and still wearing heels anyway, thin enough to be a Jerome Caja impersonator, clad in fishnets and a snug crushed red velvet minidress with a tall shock of bleached white hair obscuring half of his/her face, God's Girlfriend completed this striking ensemble with an electric guitar. Ironically, the queen played the hell out of that accessory. Accompanied by recorded rhythm tracks and some Bauhaus-like vocal effects, her set was a captivating flurry of transvestite rock and roll. I then learned that this person is local poet/stripper Danielle Willis' new love, and they live together in Redwood City where they sometimes attend suburban S/M swap parties. They get my vote for the couple most desired to reproduce! More on them later—they graciously invited me to a barbecue sometime soon.

EMF

The following weekend I went to the Warfield to catch a show by a band that my hardcore anti-pop friends give me lots of shit for liking, and I love them. I also think that their debut LP, *Schubert Dip*, is one of the best records of the year so far. The band is EMF, and basically they were great, so there. At times I don't understand the quickness of one's judgment on a band as a sell-out corporate money-raking pack of soulless dickheads, a giant scam aimed at your wallet, etc., based on the fact that they have a very successful overplayed hit single. When Deee-lite was conquering the world with "Groove Is In The Heart" it was all lovey-dovey hippy queen wig power—there just wasn't a nicer band in the universe and everything was just beautiful.

> I gazed down at the corner stage of the dance floor, and, after watching two muscle queens doing their shirtless, shortpants mock butt-fuck steroid dance/exhibition cum ecstasy stomp, I truly began to hate this facet of gay culture.

Yeah, right. When EMF's single "Unbelievable" first started getting heavy rotation in clubs, I predicted with great relief, "Now maybe they'll stop playing 'Groove Is In The Heart' all the fucking time." No such luck, but EMF did go gold in America with the single and the album, and they were quite the darlings of the New Music Seminar in New York this year, opening their showcase with a recording made the night before of one of their members banging away with an over-zealous groupie in his hotel room.

Because of the median age of EMF's members (21 years), many comparisons to New Kids on The Block were made as soon as their record hit the airwaves, which couldn't be more wrong. The two bands have little in common (except one queer member, I hear), and musically they're worlds apart. EMF took the stage in a flurry of bad-white-boys-with-dreads/extensions attitude and tore right into their latest single, "Children." The very young crowd had already burst into motion about 15 minutes prior to this, so all hell broke loose with the advent of their tougher but perfect rendition of the song. Their entire set carried that one quality, everything sounded just right, like on the record, but just a bit tougher. "Here's one that you've never heard before," the vocalist said, slipping into "Unbelievable." The crowd turned into a churning, tumultuous mass of glee, that familiar bath of sweat and testosterone that I've come to adore over the years of concert-going.

They did a slightly different take of "Unbelievable" for an encore, similar to one of the many existing remixes of the song from flip

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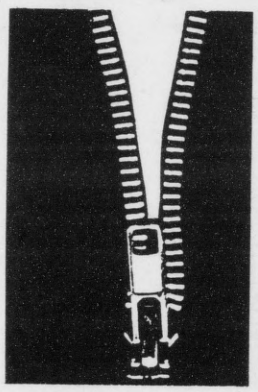

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sides and what not, and a surprising cover of Cream's "Strange Brew," which was almost comical if given much thought. Their final song was unknown to me and included a chant led by the vocalist that went, "E...ecstacy, M...motherfucker, motherfucker, F...." I couldn't get the rest, but I'm certain New Kids On The Block wouldn't dare say a thing like that on stage.

At one point during the encore, the vocalist mocked out a "La da dee da" straight from the hit single "Gypsy Woman" by Crystal Waters, which reminded me of my next stop of the evening, Colossus, to see her. I wandered out to Market Street and saw Axl Rose standing outside. It truly was a night of a thousand stars.

COLOSSUS

Perhaps I should say a night of a thousand pecs instead, because that's what it was like at Colossus. I figured the newly crowned queen of House music would be going on around 12:30 or 1:00, so I found a vantage point upstairs against the guardrail and staked my claim. I stood there through last call, then the bar shut off and it seemed like forever. In that time I became almost manic.

I gazed down at the corner stage of the dance floor, and, after watching two muscle queens doing their shirtless, shortpants mock butt-fuck steroid dance/exhibition cum ecstasy stomp, I truly began to hate this facet of gay culture. I could just hear them talking on the phone earlier that day. "Do ya wanna? We'll wear our littlest shorts. Why don't we just go to the gym, work out and go from there all pumped up. The Ex? I'll put it in my gym bag right now. It will be great, House music... allnightlong! Girl, I can hardly wait. Oh, wait, I almost forgot. I showered right next to Joey Stefano at the gym yesterday." Squeals, goodbyes, click. Aaaaarrrrgh.

I began to climb the rail as if I were going to jump, saying, "This house music is so fucking beautiful I'm gonna take it with me!" The people beside me certainly didn't understand. I then expressed my complete dismay with waiting and watching this hideous display of vanity and narcissism to the guy behind me, who responded by feeling me up. Sorry, that wasn't a come-on.

I then remembered that at the EMF show, before the band came on, the audience started getting really squishy and packed. A surge of movement suddenly had a young man slam into me from behind full on, and the shift of the crowd insured his placement as semi-permanent. He said, "Dude, what are you wearing under there? You're hard as a rock." I said, "Just a simple bomber jacket," and he countered, "Man, you must be a Marine or something." Loved that, and take that you muscle queens at Colossus.

A comment like that from a hot, probably straight, dude grinding against my ass, and I never pressed one pound at your gyms, sweating beside you under your bod-assessing gaze, to get this way. Nor have I had to watch you trim your pubic hair in the locker room or slather depilatory cream all over your highly bloated, falsely tanned International Male Wannabe bodies that make your tiny dicks swell so much you just want to jump back and kiss yourself every time you look in the mirror. I find it regrettable that I might not live long enough to watch your tits fall. And why is it that these queens take every opportunity possible to take their clothes off in public? It's not like we haven't seen their picture ads in the back of the B.A.R. Oh, sorry, I don't mean to drag my sex worker pals down to this level.

Anyway, Crystal Waters came on, la da dee da-ed and left, but I actually liked her small set. There was something about her semi-non glamour stance, and that darn song is quite a sociological can of worms to open, and it has opened many eyes internationally to a huge problem, bringing protest songs to an arena where protest doesn't dare, an arena where people pay to forget about anything but pecs and Ex. No wonder everyone who ran the show was dishing her bigtime afterwards for being a former parole officer or whatever she was before now. TIRED! I couldn't wait to get home and slam that new Metallica CD in.

AND MORE

Now look what's happened. I've nattered on so much I hardly left room for the other shows I saw last month. I'll have to sum them all up in one or two sentences. First, Shonen Knife at the I-Beam were perfect. Those three Japanese women were apparently hyperventilating backstage with nervousness before going on. They seldom play to a sold-out crowd, or a crowd larger than 100 people in Japan. Here in America, touring against the wishes of the husbands, they played a fine set to a fanatic crowd, giving a whole new fresh cultural take on rock and roll. To the hot, sweaty crowd they said, "In Japan we have public bath; it is hot in here like bath." The crowd completely adored them, in a way similar to a crowd adoring the Del Rubio Triplets. How could you not like the Japanese version of the Ramones crossed with The Go-Gos crossed with The Shags crossed with The Beatles, etc. My favorite moment was their short version of "Godzilla" by Blue Oyster Cult. Maybe they *are* the greatest band in the world.

Finally, I saw Smashing Pumpkins at the I-Beam, and, with the demise of Jane's Addiction, I would venture to say that this band could very well be the next big thing in rock and roll. They shredded.

The Klubstitute: Well, well, well, it's moving again, that nutty club of clubs. This time its new home is Brave New World on Fulton at Masonic, a fine new bar to look out for, and Klubstitute will convene there every Saturday starting September 14 with an all-star lineup including Connie Champagne, Bambi, Danielle "Hell" Willis, Elvis Herselvis, Miss X and more. The date also celebrates the birthdays of Miss Fag Hag Ruby Tuesday (God love her), Remix Von Popstitute, and Tony Vaguely. Be there.

Female Trouble: I'm pleased to announce the return of Nancy Kravitz's Female Trouble, the last Thursday of every month at Nightbreak. This is the place where the girls go to rock and roll, respectfully the first place, I might add. I can't wait to return to the groundbreaking dyke bar with a big heart, a lot of class, and killer live acts from the rougher side of girldom. Be there.

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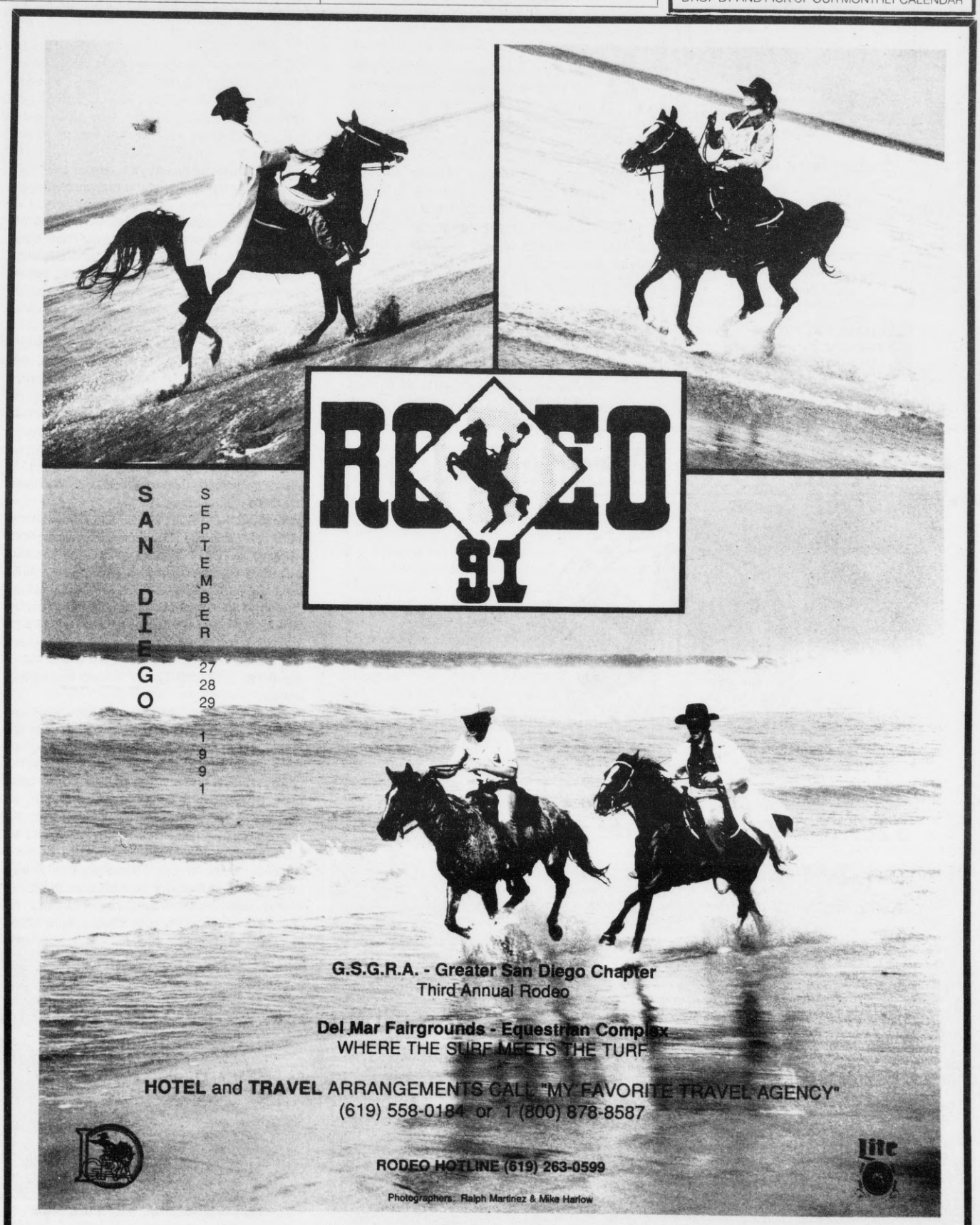
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LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Mudwimmin

An oft-expressed complaint of mine after two years in San Francisco is the lack of community. Despite the huge numbers of queerfolk here, there seems to be no unifying force, especially for lesbians. Community is more than masses gathered in one place; it means mutual respect and support. August provided several opportunities to see community in action, as several events brought multiple talents together, and many could be spotted at each others' shows. It's good to see this support and respect among dykes and our friends. We need to come out for each other more. (So to speak.)

NOT NICE GIRLS
Cafe Beano, August 2

This gathering of lesbian and bi-women 'zine-ologists and pornographers reading from their work attracted an overflow crowd to the friendly confines of The Marsh at Beano. Things got off to a confused start, with producer Stephen Parr babbling a bit in his introduction. This set the stage for some offbeat audience-reader interaction. Things seemed oddly out of whack, or maybe it was just I who was out of whack, having rushed to get there.

Whatever the case, the evening didn't quite jell for me, although individual moments stood out. Freelance cartoonist Angela Bocage served as emcee and introduced the readers. Leading off was Roxxie, editor of *GirlJock*, who read "Jane and Claire Fall Apart," an epic tale of a lesbian relationship unraveling. And unravel it did, before our very eyes, as Roxxie read in her beguiling monotone. Things got rather confusing as to who didn't want to be whose girlfriend.

If Roxxie's piece wandered, Sunah Cherwin's reading, part of a "bisexual S/M fairy tale," promised more than it delivered. She cautioned us that we were in for some pornography, "So if you don't want to hear some pornography, you should leave." This admonition seemed unnecessary, given that what followed was a rather mild scene of a woman getting a guy off in a peep show. It was more amusing than erotic—and, even to these non-S/M ears—seemed tame.

Next up was Jackie Weltzman, who earned some belly laughs with her "True Transgressive Romances: #25." In this vignette, the narrator described her married life to her P.C. gay husband and her methods of torturing him, such as dressing him in a maid's outfit and tying him by a cock ring to the ironing board. Declaring "I'm a diesel bisexual fag dyke," she singularly accomplished her goal of transgressing by tweaking porn, S/M and Queer Nation with good humor.

Amy Cheney, "the serious nonsexual interlude," offered some fashion tips as "Femme-jock," and read from her poetry, which raised an interesting etiquette question for the audience: Do rowdy, self-styled Not Nice Girls clap after each poem or not? Not a poetry crowd, I took it.

Kris Kovick forsook an analysis of Madonna's importance to white people to weave a tale of an encounter with Mary Queen of Scots/Mrs. Barry Manilow on the streets of San Francisco. It was very funny, particularly the arrival on the scene of two "lesbo Rambo commandos." Finishing up was Lily Braindrop, the precocious pervert editor of *Taste of Latex*. She skewered anti-femme attitudes with some well-placed barbs and then implored us to open our fantasy closets. Not too not nice, but a fun evening spotlighting some fresh and underappreciated talents.

NO BOYS IN THE BAND
New Performance Gallery, August 3

Promoter Dana Jae's idea was to "give the sisters a chance" by showcasing the talents of some deserving women's bands, composed mostly of lesbians. Six acts made up the bill, which ran some five hours, allowing one to become well-acclimated to the theater.

Jae herself opened the show, with some heartfelt acoustic songs deploring the political state of affairs. She was followed by Ali, who delivered a hypnotic set of more personal songs, many dedicated to her lover of 18 years and her friends. Ali displayed an impressive vocal range and style recalling Joan Armatrading.

Skin of Our Teeth, a duo on bass and electric guitar, backed by electronic gadgetry, seemed prisoners of their own technology. One fiddled with the black boxes which malfunctioned repeatedly, while the other killed time with rambling anecdotes. The music, propelled by the canned backing, sounded slick and lounge-like.

Who Girl Crew, an ensemble including Jae and Marjie Orton, picked up the pace with some electric sounds, and Orton's mandolin was a welcome addition. Amy M. returned us to the acoustic mode with some songs that were given greater emotional depth by Adrienne Biggs' violin.

The evening concluded with a bang, in the form of Pat Wilder, accompanied by Christa Hillhouse of 4 Non Blondes and Claudia Paige for some serious funk and blues. This grouping was a pleasure to watch and woke me from my weariness. (We could have used more intermissions.) The crowd whistled and stomped in appreciation as Wilder mugged and got down. The combo performed Wilder originals, as well as covers such as "Mustang Sally," and finished with an encore that featured drum and bass solos. "Time for me to go," Wilder sang, drawing the evening to a close.

QUEER STREET PATROL BENEFIT
Klubstitute, August 7

This fundraiser for the Pink Berets attracted a healthy cross-section of the local queer community. Putting in appearances at the soiree were Not Nice Girls' Roxxie, Lily Braindrop and Kris Kovick. Amidst the drag queens and off-the-floor fashions, Tribe 8 and Elvis Herselvis cut a swath of dyke idolatry. Tribe 8, purveyors of dyke rock, have been playing around town at small alternative spaces like Epicenter and Faster Pussycat. The band is fun to watch as they churn out angry, punkish songs about dick-obsessed cops and lesbophobia. As usual, a slam pit formed, allowing the boys and girls, including Christa Non Blonde, to work out those aggressions in a safe manner. Singer Lynn acknowledged the cries of "Take it off!" by removing her shirt. She knows her audience. Turning to the other stage, one could then see Elvis Herselvis sending the crowd into convulsions as she lip-synched to several Presley tunes: "Don't Be Cruel," "Love Me" and a final "Viva Las Vegas," thereby compressing the King's career into bite-sized nuggets: from young and naive to successful and cynical. "Wow," I thought during the last number. "She

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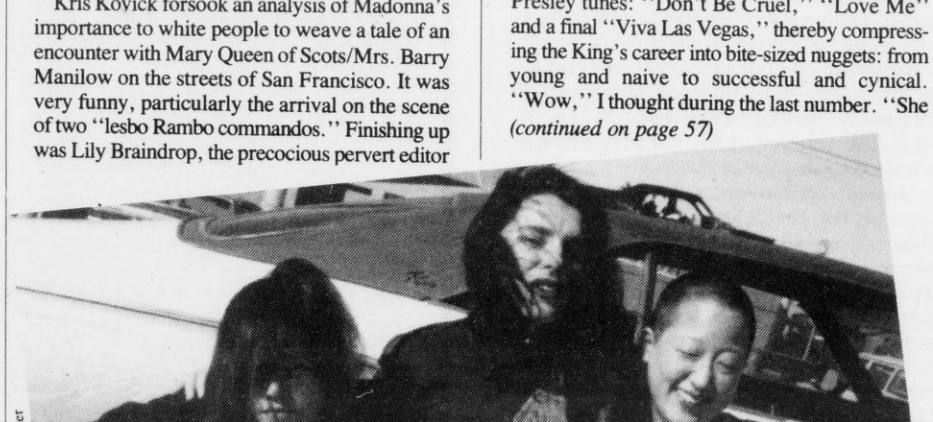

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BY SCOTT CADY

Feinstein and Whitfield—Together Again

Attending a concert under the stars is truly one of the most enjoyable ways to spend a summer evening, and the Paul Masson concert series offers the best—ambiance, food, drink and talent. The winery's lineup, including the likes of George Shearing, Joe Williams, Chick Corea and Joan Baez, recently featured headliner Michael Feinstein and opening act Weslia Whitfield. An incredible pairing of two great cabaret song stylists.

Whitfield is only recently gaining the national notoriety she deserves. Her understated vocal approach is like none other, and her warm and natural rapport with her audience welcomes any listener, old or new. This vocalist is, without doubt, a songwriter's (living or dead) best friend. Accompanist Mike Greensill (whose keyboard interpretations closely approximate those of the late Bill Evans) and Seward McCain on bass, opened with an opulent, jazzy treatment of "You're Driving Me Crazy." Always laid back, but nonetheless dazzling in purple sequins, Whitfield settled in and sang a program of Broadway and show biz pop that included such wistful ballads as "Never, Never Land," Harold Rome's "Along with Me" and Kurt Weill's "Here I'll Stay." Incurably romantic, still slightly sardonic, nobody reads a lyric like Whitfield. She digs between the lines.

She went on to the quick and witty Frishberg tune, "Let's Eat Home," a definitive treatment of "Guys and Dolls," and a couple of ultra-romantic ballads, "Here I'll Stay" and "Along with Me."

Talent, taste and musical integrity—this is a trio to be reckoned with.

Michael Feinstein is splashy, flashy and fun. He spells "star," and the audience is ready to love him from the moment he bursts onstage with that ingratiating grin. (His usually radiant smile was partially obscured by a few days' growth of beard, but his charming stage persona spoke volumes.)

From a soon-to-be-released album with Jule Styne at the piano, Feinstein sang "Just in Time," and "Time After Time," interpolated by chit-chat with some wildly funny impressions of Paul Lynde, and then whipped through "Sister Suzie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers," a nostalgic Tin Pan Alley medley, and, true to his showmanship, left us with an intimate love song set of "Isn't It Romantic?," "Our Love Is Here to Stay" and his trademark, "S'Wonderful." Which it was. Whitfield joined him for a final encore on "Two for the Road."

Feinstein returns to the Bay Area in December for a concert with Rosemary Clooney at the Curran.

Michael Feinstein

Eartha Kitt at Kimball's East

Eartha Kitt is one of the few "living legends" still performing. A 40-year career that has included stage, screen, cabaret and recording has brought her international recognition. Orson Welles may well have summed up her special appeal when he called her "the most exciting woman in the world."

During her engagement at Kimball's East, Kitt demonstrated once again that her excitement factor has not diminished. At 62, she still plays to sold-out venues. Her fans go wild as she purrs and prowls her way through songs she made famous and some she *should* have made famous. One can only wonder at her instant command of an entire room, but captivate the audience she does with her cat-like mystique and unique vocalizations.

Opening with the appropriate "I'm Still Here" (the title of her most recent album), Kitt wasted no time before she had posed herself on the chaise that is her trademark set piece. Well aware that her legs are still great, she used them to advantage, revealing a peek of thigh here, a peek there. She had the audience—men and women—right where she wanted them as, half reclining, she launched into one of her signature tunes, "Old Fashioned Girl" (whose simple requirements are for an old fashioned home with an old fashioned fence, and an old fashioned millionaire). Her major hit, and the song that nobody can hear without thinking of Eartha Kitt, "I Wanna Be Evil," led into the cabaret standard "Guess Who I Saw Today?" and was then topped by a remarkable interpretation of Sondheim's "Could I Leave You?" I had never paid attention to the lyrics of this waltz from *Follies* until I heard Kitt's sardonic version. She's the quintessential interpreter of contemporary lyrics with an ironic twist.

Ellington's sultry, luscious "The Blues" segued into "St. Louis Blues," which led into her mini-production number, "Charleston." While kicking up a brief Charleston, she lured a young waiter on stage and traded sips of champagne with him between song choruses in French. Asked how old he was, he responded, "24." "How'd you like to be *64* before the night is over?" she asked.

She reprised the traditional Turkish song, "Uska Dara," which was her first recording after her Broadway debut in *New Faces of 1952*. (Given the Turkish song by the record producers because "her voice was too weird for anything else," the recording became an immediate hit.)

"Stop the Clock," a haunting ballad, led into Billy Holiday's "Good Morning, Heartache," which was, inexplicably, the least effective number in her set. A medley of "What is This Thing Called Love?" Jobim's "How Insensitive" and "Free Again," led into the number that is synonymous with the name Eartha Kitt, "C'est Si Bon." Amazing how her suggestive inflections can make her meaning crystal clear to a non-French speaking audience.

The beautiful ballad "All By Myself" was interwoven with her sensitive reading of a letter-poem she had written some years ago to her young daughter. If there is a closing number guaranteed to bring an audience to its feet, "Here's to Love" is it. The response was tumultuous.

Eartha Kitt is not just a legend. She's an institution.

Flora Purim at Mondavi

I was first introduced to the music of Flora Purim through her incomparable recording of the Antonio Carlos Jobim classic, "Dindi." Last week, almost 18 years after this song was originally released, I finally experienced the Brazilian-born singer and her jazz-rock-Latin band which included Airto Moreira, her husband of 30 years. From the moment Purim took the stage at the Robert Mondavi Winery concert, she held the crowd of Sunday picnickers in hushed control. Breathtakingly rhythmic vocalizations and daring explorations of the outer limits of tonality combined with the virtuosic percussion of Airto made for one of the most musically energetic evenings imaginable.

Opening the sunset concert was five-time Grammy award-winning guitarist Lorindo Almeida. Now in his 70s, Almeida provided acoustic interpretations of a medley of Jobim's more popular bossa novas, "Corcovado," "The Girl from Ipanema" and "Desafinado," as well as an interpretation of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" that Bach himself would have applauded. Almeida's career includes work with the Stan Kenton Orchestra and soundtracks for movies (the most notable being the theme for Marlon Brando's *Viva Zapata*, which held this audience in rapt silence).

Following the intermission (a Mondavi wine and cheese tasting), Airto stunned the audience with an inspired percussion solo that led into an up-tempo Brazilian number featuring the band, Gary Meek (formerly with Sergio Mendez) on saxophone and flute, Marcos Silva on keyboard, Jeff Buenz on guitar, and Gary Brown on bass. The boundlessly energetic Purim whirled on stage and took charge with Meek's "Bengo, Bango, Bongo" (featuring his incredible sax solo), and continued with "Avion," a song not yet released. She entranced not only the audience, but her own band members, by her swooping, ethereal phrases. Flora Purim is completely at one with every note that emanates from her body. She has the instrumental ability to translate ideas and emotions into music, which even in her native Portuguese communicates its story.

Purim continued with a ballad by Milton Nascimento which displayed her incredible control of lyrical phrasing. After an up-tempo, pull-out-all-the-stops number by Djavan, the band and Flora cleared the stage to leave Airto to another of his intricate solos. This time his two instruments were his voice and a tambourine. Caressing it as though it were an extension of his body, he converted the tambourine into a singing instrument. As he chanted African/Native American sounding phrases, he created a spiritual, moving experience.

Purim returned to perform "Tarde," a reflective ballad by Nascimento, and Meek's "Struck by Lightning," during which she and Meek traded notes so precisely that the voice and the sax were one. "Vera Cruz" led into "White and Black," a composition by Marcos Silva, whose keyboard work is similar to that of Chick Corea (with whom Purim worked in the original Return to Forever group).

The evening closed with Purim's reprise of the song which earned her a Grammy nomination, "Esquinas." (Manhattan Transfer recorded the song, but the drive and feel for its rhythms comes more naturally to Purim.) Her own recording of the song can be found on the album she did with Dizzy Gillespie and the Royal Festival Orchestra.

Purim and Airto and their many recordings represent the finest examples of Brazilian music. They are currently working on an album of percussion and chants to be released under the title, "Planet Ground."

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Paris Is Burning

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

It's not surprising that the film *Paris Is Burning* is garnering so much critical acclaim. It's bound for stardom. What is surprising is that the film, made on a low budget in a documentary format, is quickly becoming the hottest film of the summer. Add to this that it's a study of a very marginal group: Black and Latino drag queens in Harlem, and that the filmmaker, Jennie Livingston, is a radical white woman from Beverly Hills. What, you might wonder, is going on here? What's the mainstream appeal?

First of all there's something new going on here. These are not the drag queens of yore. Nobody lip syncs or impersonates movie idols, and there's not a Vegas showgirl in the lot. There's also not an "alternative" stance in their repertoire. The drag is strictly emulation of the straight and narrow: Vogue models, CEOs, military officers, and self-styled soon-to-be video legends. What's different is the original style of dancing a la vogue: a motion of freeze-frame posing acting as social commentary and an evolved form of voguing which reads like a combination of martial arts movements and virtuoso break-dancing done as performance art on a runway.

The dance balls are highly competitive and combative, and contestants try to outperform each other while dressing in costumes prescribed by strict rules. Everyone's queer and aims to be a legendary superstar or model. Categories include: high fashion, pretty girls, town and country and executive realness. All of this is played against the fact that everyone's poor, barely employed except as street hustlers, that they're oppressed and at high risk for street abuse. The world of the Savoy Ballroom is a world of pure fantasy, where style makes it real. What's defined as realness is that "you can pass by not giving away that you're gay," that you're "just like your straight counterparts."

The role models are all white and affluent and comfortable, and the participants are all people of color without money. One young queen wants to be some man's babydoll. She wants to be a "spoiled white rich girl." For Venus Xtravaganza, her dream, her delusions, will never come close to being fulfilled as she died during the shooting of the film, found strangled to death in a sleazy hotel. Others had happier stories. For many of them, as kids rejected by their families, they found solace and acceptance in the Families attached to the ballrooms, and they aligned themselves with charismatic queen Mothers who looked after them.

The families divide into Houses which are likened to gay street gangs, where everyone in the House assumes the same last name, eg., Saint Laurent, Xtravaganza, Labeija and Ninja. Some of the Mothers are transsexuals, some aren't. Some of the queens want to be female models, some of them want to be rich white men. Most of them steal their designer-label drag off boutique racks; it's called mopping.

The film is amazing to watch. It's a vivacious mixture of style, fantasy, music and virtuoso one-up-manship. It's campy, outlandish, amusing and sad at the same time. Some of it is politically astute and some of it is politically obtuse. When Willi Ninja states that it's a man's world and that a woman can only make it by using her feminine wiles to manipulate men, he sounds straight out of *Cosmopolitan* magazine. But then, emulating the straightest of the straight world is the name of the game. And this is why this film will have so much mainstream appeal. It doesn't challenge convention, it drools over it; and it's absolutely entertaining while at the same time setting up a disturbing vision of the tremendous rift between the haves and have-nots.

Octavia Saint Laurent in "Paris Is Burning"

Without forgetting that to be a drag queen in the ghetto means that you will be treated very poorly and may at any time be bashed to death, one House Mother drives the point home. He says that a lot of the girls feel that they've suffered so much as transvestites that if they could only become real women and have pussies, they'd be treated better. But then, he says wisely, real women get treated real bad too. Amen! I think that for all the gender bending and preoccupation with social gender roles, the world of the Savoy Ballroom is a masculine world which parallels, in an inverted way, the patriarchal world at large. It's no coincidence that the press photo they ran along with David Ansen's review in *Newsweek* shows a bimboesque Venus Xtravaganza posing in front of a guy with the slogan "Phallic Supremacy and Power" emblazoned onto the back of his jacket.

Anyway, the film *Paris Is Burning* is a fascinating tour of a subculture within a subculture. Two stars clearly emerge from the screen: Willi Ninja, dancer supreme, and Octavia Saint Laurent, model-perfect model. It's a pleasure to see them in action. When the mainstream catches them, I'm sure both of their dreams of becoming legends will come true. And this is one strange vision of art imitating life imitating art. *Paris Is Burning* is a kinky version of the American Dream taken from a fresh and unusual perspective.

Strangers In Good Company

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Strangers In Good Company, by Canadian filmmaker Cynthia Scott, is a lovely film. The film is affectionate toward its characters without being sentimental, and the slow and patient pace of the camerawork fits the exigencies of the drama as it unfolds gracefully before us. The film is about a group of elderly women, strangers who are mostly in their 70s and 80s with one clocking in at 92, who find themselves stranded without food or comforts in the middle of the Mont Tremblant region outside Quebec. The director states that her goal was not to make a film about "old people" but about "people who were old." She succeeds by showing us how minds, souls and quirky personalities maintain themselves through decades of life and its experiences, forever growing, despite the physical setbacks of old age.

The drama is in one sense a drama of survival, and in another sense it's about eight strangers suddenly forced by circumstances to reveal themselves to one another and to us as the interrelationships develop. The film is touching, not cloying, and it exhibits a wonderful sense of humor along with its poignancy. It also takes place in an idyllic setting and is gorgeously filmed.

I had several favorite characters, one of whom was Mary Meigs, an artist. She's sitting in a field watching birds with Cissy Meddings, an ebullient and slightly daffy Cockney widow who asks Mary if she'd ever been married. Mary tells Cissy that men have never interested her much, that she's had her little experiments, but it never worked. "You see Cissy, I'm a lesbian," Mary says. "Oh," exclaims Cissy with complete and nonjudgmental understanding, "That's good." Cissy goes on to share a story of her life, and the two of them continue to watch the birds together. It's all understated and matter of fact.

What's particularly striking about this film is that the characters are playing themselves. Mary Meigs is a lesbian artist playing Mary Meigs in the film. Cissy was strolling in the garden of her senior citizens' home when she was selected by the director. The filmmaker auditioned over 400 elderly women, finding them in retirement homes, through social agencies and old age clubs. One character, 92-year-old Constance Garneau, former broadcaster, was found in a hairdresser's shop. In the film there's also a butch nun, a Mohawk Indian matriarch, and there's Beth Webber. Beth is an astoundingly young-looking 80-year-old who maintains a facade of well-dressed prissy elegance and class, very standoffish until she bravely and with incredible honesty tosses off her perfect wig to reveal an almost bald head with only a few strands of thin gray hair left. We find out about the suffering and poverty she has lived with in her life.

What's even more remarkable about the film is that Cynthia Scott has found these real women, and with a flexible script, has allowed them to act like themselves and to interact with each other as they would in real life. What's more, there's an incredible relation of trust with the director in that none of the actors come off as amateur-hour or self-conscious in front of the camera. Constance Garneau is preparing to die, and there's nothing contrived about it. All of the women cast for the part of playing themself are very different from each other, but the bonding that happens on a level of pure humanity is both heartwarming and uplifting. Everyone obviously had a really good time making this film.

During the day, the women catch frogs for dinner, gather berries and trap fish in a net made by Alice, the Mohawk grandmother. At night they sing and dance and entertain each other and reminisce about love and sex and failed marriages. In the morning, the cup of water is passed around, and everyone takes her blood pressure or heart pills. In the midst of a hot afternoon, the women are all slouched around the porch of the abandoned farmhouse they call their home, and a barrelhouse blues number comes over the soundtrack. It's very funny. And mixed with the fun-loving moments are also the revelations of the fears of never being found, the fears of dying, and the fears around being alone and destitute in the waning years. In its low-key and graceful way, this is a powerful film about aged women.

Strangers In Good Company has won numerous awards and has won critical respect at all the international film festivals in which it has appeared. It will open for a commercial run in San Francisco at the Gateway Theatre this month. So, take your sister, or your lover, or your mother, or maybe even your grandmother to see it. There'll be a lot to talk about afterwards.

Terminator 2 and V.I. Warshawski

REVIEWED BY ELIZABETH PINCUS

Summer finally arrived here in Antartica-by-the-Bay, just as the big summer movies began slouching away from our neighborhood cineplexes. This is not such a bad those of us with matching chromosomes. The women of summer were beautiful, competent but

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The cast of "Strangers in Good Company"

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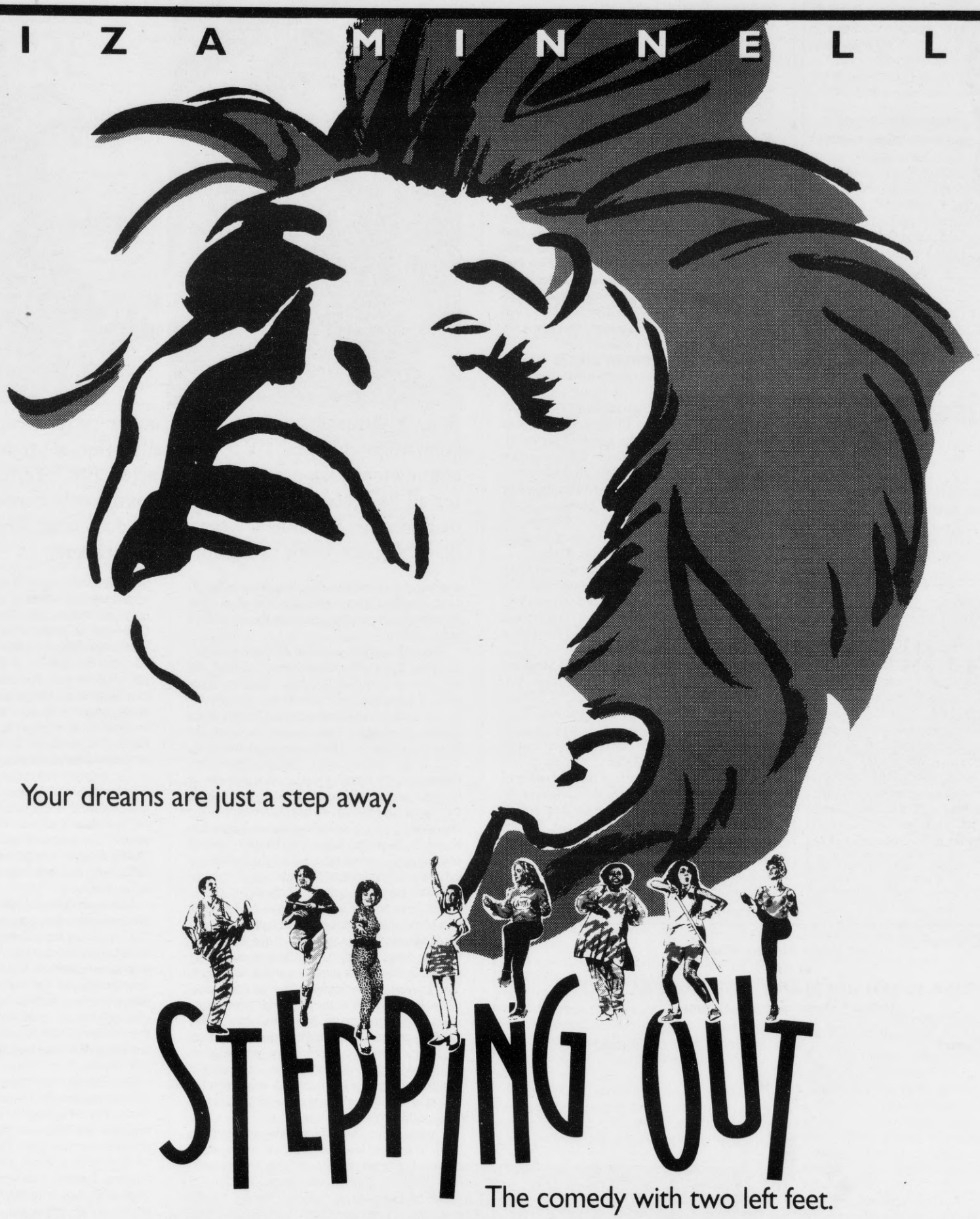

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marginal (*The Rocketeer, Robin Hood*); beautiful, competent but reduced to groveling (*Point Break*); beautiful, competent but devoted solely to wifely fawning (*Regarding Henry, The Doctor*). I guess the competent part is a concession to feminism. Fuck it. I'd rather have the conniving femme fatales of yesteryear—at least they called the shots and mouthed great one-liners. In that regard, the animated Cruella De Vil of *101 Dalmations* may have stolen the thunder from her pallid screen sisters.

There were exceptions. Characters of note include Janet Frame in Jane Campion's luscious biographical study, *An Angel at My Table*, and the mysterious drifter played by Lili Taylor in the woefully underappreciated *Bright Angel*. (A Pincus video pick!) Women also fared better in the movies of young Black filmmakers, notably Matty Rich's *Straight Out of Brooklyn*, which featured fully realized women characters who were central to the plot of family disharmony.

But aside from whether the heralded "year of Black cinema" is merely a cynical industry move that smacks of tokenism (we're still talking only 6 or 8 directors out of thousands of Hollywood players), Black women filmmakers have been completely neglected in this supposed explosion. Consequently, most depictions of Black women this summer were filtered through the perspective of young, urban men, or worse, the white Hollywood establishment. As Marpessa Dawn Outlaw wrote in the *Village Voice*: "Women, apparently, must be thought of as too busy *doing* the laundry to be packaging it for the screen."

So were there any characters this summer to stir the juices the way Thelma and Louise did? Not quite, but a couple of women achieved notoriety: *V.I. Warshawski* (Kathleen Turner) in the movie based on the Sara Paretsky novels and *Terminator 2*'s Sarah Connor (Linda Hamilton).

Like Thelma and Louise, V.I. and Sarah are armed, dangerous and at odds with the Law. V.I. is the femme to Sarah's butch, and they both offer at least a veneer of feminist purpose. They have differing styles, though. V.I. is a wisecracker who would kill for the perfect shade of lipstick to match her pumps, while Sarah is a dead-serious vigilante with no smaller goal than salvation of the entire planet. But scratch the surface of the pretty, action pictures that showcase these powerhouses, and an odd contradiction arises. Despite a weak plot and cheesy packaging job, *V.I. Warshawski* actually offers a bright, autonomous, kick-ass woman character. *Terminator 2*, on the other hand, for all its peacenik posturing, is an ultimately conservative flick that presents Sarah as an idealized mother-goddess who does what women always do—the grunt work in support of male leaders.

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I do understand the appeal of Sarah Connor, however. Even before *Terminator 2* opened, the ads showed a buffed-up Linda Hamilton cold-cocking her automatic rifle with fanatical ferocity. Director James Cameron gives her the same unglamorized take-no-shit intensity as Sigourney Weaver in *Alien(s)*. That's a rare and delectable treat at the movies, and I also appreciate *Terminator 2*'s sly sense of humor. In a moment of respite from her militaristic mission, Sarah spies the "good" terminator Arnold Schwarzenegger interacting gently with her son and ruminates that he may be the perfect father. I find it a very cynical and funny comment on gender relations that a cyborg-who-can-commit would be a straight woman's parenting partner of choice.

But *Terminator 2* is so geared to the appetites of a blood-thirsty Desert Storm culture that it's hard to get behind the tough chick and the groovy melting metal. Sure, Arnold may cease killing people, but the movie remains a smash 'em, crash 'em, kneecap 'em actionfest with a conquest mentality. It's clever to clothe the "bad" terminator in an L.A. cop uniform, but *Terminator 2* fails to really criticize the authoritarian status quo. If anything, it posits contemporary earthlings as naive and machine-dependent, then suggests this glimpse of hope for the future: A revolution led by a single white male hero and a return to traditional nuclear family values.

I much prefer the original *Terminator* from 1984, a relatively low-budget picture with a bleaker mood. (I think hopelessness is a more validating, critical point of view than phony liberal optimism.) Even changing Arnold from a "bad" to a "good" terminator for the second film seems conservative—it's a ploy to insure that kids identify with certain moral values, as if this were another Dick Tracy law-and-order flick. If you ask me, the original *Terminator* is the movie that *really* makes killing seem abhorrent (and life precious), while *Terminator 2* makes a big carnival out of violence and mayhem.

Sarah Connor transforms from a mild-mannered innocent to a raging revenge machine for *Terminator 2*. Her motivation? Motherhood. In a sense, she's playing out both her biological and her societal mandates; she lives to protect her son, and she does this thanklessly in support of *his* role as messiah. Not quite the same as typing and making coffee, but it's a support function nonetheless. *Terminator 2* blatantly espouses that women, as childbearers, hold life more sacred than men. Some feminists agree (I don't), but that doesn't mean they see mothering as women's primary or only purpose in life. *Terminator 2*—or James Cameron—is confused on this point.

Motherhood factors into *V.I. Warshawski*, too, but from the opposite perspective. I give Paretsky credit for this. Her character, a no-nonsense case-hardened Chicago private eye, is intact on the big screen, even if the screenwriters and director (Jeff Kanew) pared down the complexity of Paretsky's storyline. In the movie, V.I. tears around with as much competence and toughness as the original character, and she's nobody's mother. In fact, V.I. dismisses the idea of herself as a mom with a few jocular one-liners. When's the last time a celluloid dame of "biological clock" age just said no? V.I. is existentially whole, happily single, her concerns worldly—shockingly, these traits are mighty rare for women in the movies.

A teenager does enter the fray in *V.I. Warshawski*, and some critics claim the movie has softened V.I. by giving her a surrogate child. I disagree. Kat (Angela Goethals) is a rambunctious tomboy who takes a shine to V.I.—but as a *mentor*, not a mother-figure. Kat and V.I. are bonded in action, a couple of hellions who drive like maniacs, give good chase, confound authorities, and use their smarts. This is a fresh and still-unusual depiction of female bonding, not a softening of V.I.

The film has also been taken to task for the femme-ization of V.I. Again, I see it differently. For starters, Paretsky's character always had a penchant for silk suits, high heels and picking up handsome strangers. The movie gives V.I. all of that, plus a better sense of humor. (And Kathleen Turner—with her throaty laugh and a lot of pizazz—runs with it.) When V.I. flashes leg or cuts loose with a raunchy double-entendre, she's in command of her own sensual pleasure. Besides, V.I.'s shoe fetish goes beyond pumps to Nikes; when the job demands, she's down to her sneakers and jeans with as much rough-and-tumble readiness as Sarah Connor. Basically, V.I. is intelligent, accomplished and practical. Compare that with the really insulting portrayal of a lady p.i., Lifetime cable's vapid *Veronica Clare*.

V.I. Warshawski is not flawless. The plot, pieced together from several Paretsky novels, is simplistic and cliched. And the film feels slight, like a formulaic TV pilot intended to prime us for future episodes. But V.I. herself is a can-do kind of gal. Hopefully, we won't have to wait until next year—when Geena Davis steps to the plate in Penny Marshall's *A League of Their Own*—to see more of her ilk.

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Bye Bye Brunhilde

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

A very interesting and urbane script has come to the stage at the Studio at Theatre Rhino from San Francisco lesbian writer Camille Roy. This poetic one act features two characters: Fear, a femme, and Technique, a butch. Their interrelationship—mutually exclusive and exclusively mutual—fills the stage with a super-abundance of dialogue. The dialogue is aimed both at constructing and at deconstructing cliches about how this lesbian relationship functions. There are numerous quotable lines and just as many insights into these two abstract individuals whose passionate liaison is simultaneously held up for scrutiny while remaining basically inscrutable.

It's the "excesses of fantasy and disappointment which binds lovers one to another," Camille Roy offers as an epiphany. Technique turns toward Fear and says, "Well, at least you love me." Fear rebounds with the stinging truism: "We're compatible in a way. I like you and you like my looks." Technique responds: "You're right. I do like your looks." It's this type of witty and intellectual repartee which keeps *Bye Bye Brunhilde* infinitely fascinating despite its lack of conventional plot or dramatic development. The cat-and-mouse dynamics of intimacy set up the tensions and mutate the resolutions.

We learn about the lesbian characters, Fear and Technique, mostly through the stories they tell us and each other about their lives. How they bounce back and forth off these fictions is often quite funny. Fear's narratives are imaginative, absurdist and generally off the wall, everything from stories about early family life, to a fabrication about being picked up by Ted Bundy. Stories are constructed for effect and for fun, as well as for purposes of seduction and power-tripping. Technique's stories tend to follow less poetic and more logical frameworks—"historical analysis"—but they end up sounding just as absurd and are also self-conscious constructions for desired effect.

Camille Roy has managed through these characters to show us, the lesbian community, how the stories of our lives, the fictions we create for ourselves and each other about coming out, ex-lovers, domestic cohabitation, and our place in the world, function through what she calls "the language of identity politics." Narrative doesn't reconstruct reality so much as it exhibits the modalities for emotional communications of fear and pain, power and seduction, and humor. Relationships enmesh the minds and emotions of lovers obsessed with the ongoing story of you and the story of me and how you hear my story and how I hear yours and how we use the ever-changing communications to seduce, power trip and love each other.

Says Technique-the-butch to Fear: "At least I look like what I am. When we first met, you told me that you were not a lesbian, not straight and not bisexual." Technique talks about how she represents fear of rejection for straight men, and how straight women project their disappointment over men onto her. Fear loses patience with the psychobabble and offers something as a tongue-in-cheek analysis of herself: "When I'm good I'm very, very good. But when I'm bad I'm a fascist."

Tied to the mind is the body of passion, and Camille Roy, as intellectual as she is, never fails to keep our interest in lesbian eroticism as the foreground of the subtext. Bodies connect, even when they rub each other the wrong way.

The production of *Bye Bye Brunhilde* was directed by Zack and playfully performed by Gina Hyams and Dey Ehrlich. It originally opened at New Langton Arts earlier this year, before its current run at the Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros. As a debut piece, *Bye Bye Brunhilde* puts Camille Roy out there as a new talent worth watching.

Photo by Victoria Kirby

Dey Ehrlich & Gina Hyams in Bye Bye Brunhilde

The Power of Sex

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

You can't judge a book by its cover OR a play by its title. *The Power of Sex* is hardly a hotblooded Harold Robbins extravaganza. Bring Grandma, but leave the under-18's at home. This full-length comedy by local playwright Deborah Sabin is a clever romp with a light-hearted message.

Sabin weaves her story around a warm, loving female character named Abby who is also a "modern and independent" woman of the '90s. Modern is right! Abby works as a sex therapist and through bizarre twists of circumstance ends up providing her services to...her ex-husband. During the course of the play, Abby learns that she is only a mirror to the men around her: shamelessly manipulated by her boss, her ex-husband (Frank Widman) and (to a limited degree) her current boyfriend (Christopher Fairbanks). Sabin resourcefully refrains from preachiness and delivers, instead, sparkling dialogue and a few surprises.

Starring as the "Everywoman" of the '90s, Laura Mitchell's effervescent performance is tendered with style. Beautiful, vivacious and intelligent, every moment we see her is a joy. Luckily for the audience, she's onstage about 90 percent of the time.

Hardly about sex, *The Power of Sex* deals with relationships: relationships of the '90s as visualized through the morality of the '50s. Although characters are popping in and out of bed, there is surprisingly nothing "going on" onstage beyond tender kisses. In the world of this play, everyone sleeps fully dressed, and even when referring to himself as "buck naked," the embarrassed ex-husband is demurely clothed in colorful boxer shorts and socks. The emphasis is clearly not on cheap thrills, but instead on character interaction.

Given the episodic nature of the script, director Dennis Lowry keeps the action moving as the focus jumps swiftly from boyfriend's bedroom to ex-husband's living room to Abby's office and so on. The simple and tastefully rendered set by Ron Krempitz assists admirably.

Short on titillation, but chock-full of cheery chuckles, *The Power of Sex* is a fresh script that promises more fun in future plays from Deborah Sabin.

Jerome Robbins' Broadway

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Having seen all of Jerome Robbins' dances in their original Broadway runs, I refrained (for fear of being disappointed) from catching the blockbuster tribute to Robbins' work when it first opened in New York. But time has passed and now that this mega-dance musical has taken up residence in San Francisco, I thought, Let's see if the good old days were as good as I remembered. Well, yes and no, but mostly yes.

The suite of dances from *West Side Story* that closes Act I is sheer theater, guaranteed to effect a major adrenalin charge. There's an operatic intensity in Maria and Tony's pas de deux, a sly sense of belonging in the finger-snapping "Cool," and a blood-pounding threat of danger when the Jets move into rumble position.

From 1944's still spic-and-span *On the Town*, we get those three fresh-faced sailors kicking up a storm to Bernstein's exuberant "New York, New York." (Matter of fact, I was in the Navy in New York in 1944 so this was a real nostalgia trip.)

"Charleston," a '20s dance piece from *Billion Dollar Baby* was clever at the time but now shows signs of wear, having been borrowed from by every choreographer of roaring '20s shows in the past 45 years. Cute, but overlong.

One of this revue's high points was the recreation of the opening number, "Comedy Tonight," from Sondheim's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.* I've seen two West Coast productions of this show but until now had no idea that this number offered such wit and spirited hi-jinks.

"The Small House of Uncle Thomas" from *The King and I* still remains one of the more imaginative, breathtaking ballets of the American musical theater. A major set piece, it still moves the plot. Even scaled down from the original, this touring version continues to impress with its innovative concept. Robbins outdid himself on this one.

From 1959's *Gypsy* (Jule Styne and Sondheim) we get a big helping of shtick with "You Gotta Have a Gimmick." Do I ever want to see this burlesque bump and grind again? Probably not. For some real dancing the producers might have chosen the far better "All I Need is the Girl."

Peter Pan flies yet again from the musical of the same name and to the song called "I'm Flying" (Both Charlap and Styne are credited!), and while there's no dancing involved, there is considerable swinging on wires. Flying by Foy gets the credit for this one but it doesn't bear much resemblance to the original. Did the show *need* this filler?

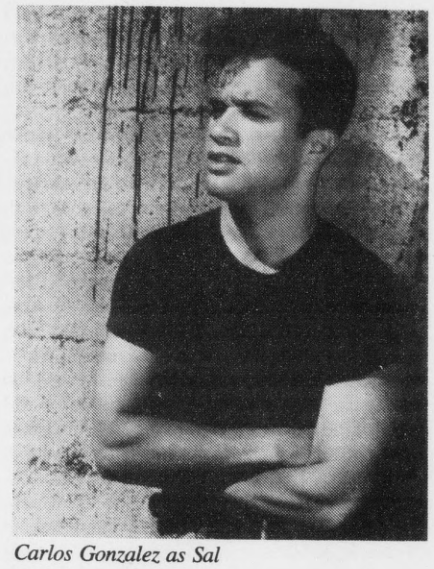
Robbins' truly abandoned "On a Sunday by the Sea" ballet from *High Button Shoes* was as delightful as recalled. Even with Robbins' borrowings from Agnes De Mille, his knock-about, every man (or gorilla) for himself choreography has been endlessly copied. One must keep in mind, however, that while you may think you've seen bits of it elsewhere, Robbins did it first.

Another non-dance number was "Mr. Monotony" sung by Leilani Jones. Credited to both *Miss Liberty* (1949) and *Call Me Madam* (1950), I don't recall it from either show. Definitely not one of Berlin's show stoppers.

The *Fiddler on the Roof* segment seemed to go on and on and on. Little dancing to speak of and a plethora of low comedy. I'd have liked it twice as much if it had been half as long.

The lovely Bernstein ballad "Some Other Time" from *On the Town* brought the show to a full-circle close with those three sailors, their 24-hour girlfriends, and three back-up sailors dancing to a reprise of the effervescent "New York, New York."

Jerome Robbins' Broadway, a half-century review of what musical comedy dancing is all about, plays through Sept. 8. (415) 762-BASS.



Carlos Gonzalez as Sal

Sal

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Sal, a well-acted but too-cursory glimpse into the life of Sal Mineo, was conceived by actor Carlos Gonzalez, who researched and co-wrote the script with Richard Talavera and director Hector Correa. Told several years ago that he bore a striking resemblance to Mineo, Gonzalez ran the available videos, immersed himself in fan magazine articles of the period, and a script took shape.

As Sal, Gonzalez delivers a tense, occasionally humorous, but eventually self-pitying impression of an actor on a downward spiral. He recaps Mineo's career from a brief appearance in *The Rose Tattoo* (he was hooked from the opening night's curtain call applause) to his immediate Hollywood stardom in the 1955 cult classic, "Rebel Without a Cause." Typecast as the ethnic "switchblade kid," the actor was offered fewer and fewer roles. He flirted with television, tried the stage, produced the violent prison play "Fortune and Men's Eyes," tried to find work in Europe, and was a has-been at 23. While in rehearsal for the play that was to mark his Hollywood comeback, *P.S. Your Cat is Dead*, he was stabbed to death in an alley near the theater. He was dead at 37.

Sal opens with a melodramatic tableau of his death. A flashing red light, an amplified heartbeat,

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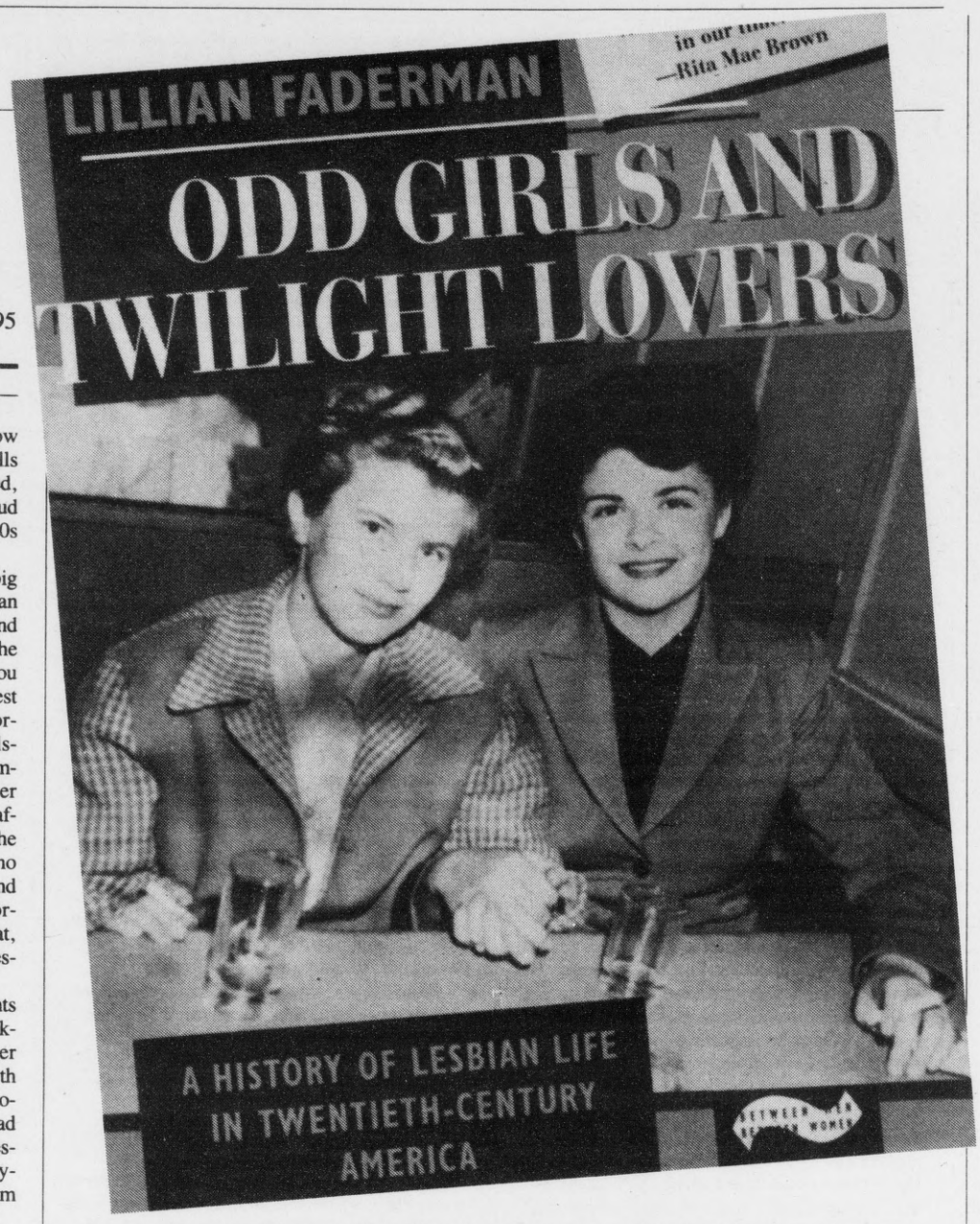
Jerome Robbin's Broadway

BOOKS

Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers:
A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth-Century America

By Lillian Faderman
Columbia University Press, 1991, $29.95

REVIEWED BY SHANE SNOWDON



Having read her new book, I know exactly what Lillian Faderman calls girls like me: naive, sexually repressed, even ridiculous. Well, I don't care. I'll say it loud and proud: my name is Shane, and I was a '70s lesbian feminist.

As that defiant admission suggests, I have big problems with Faderman's "history of lesbian life" in the decades I witnessed as an adult,and I have some concerns about her account of the years before, too. You see (or, increasingly, you don't, thanks to writings like hers), the biggest element of our '70s concern with "political correctness" was not the enforcement of overalls-wearing or the confiscation of dildos. As I remember it, it was a tremendous concern—however idealistic and seldom realized—with somehow affirming all lesbians' perceptions. Hence the famous "sisters support sisters" and "no trashing" rules, which aimed to protect bras and butch cuts alike, and which produced the cornucopia of cultural and political institutions that, whatever their fate, nurtured the diversity of lesbian styles today.

So I want to say that, for all my disagreements with her, I honor Lillian Faderman for undertaking to bring lesbian lives to light and for her courage in expressing the very opinions with which I quarrel. While this book has many a problem, it dramatizes an even greater one: the sad and shocking lack of information about how lesbians of the past coped with a crushing, society-wide homophobia that is far less different from today's attitudes than we usually realize.

But I need to note an odd fact that made me somewhat distrustful of Faderman's book until I reached the 305th of its 308 pages. What happens there? Faderman finally mentions in passing that she came out in the '50s as a working-class lesbian (she's now an English professor at Cal State Fresno). Now, really, how can a writer of lesbian history hope to have significant credibility with a lesbian/gay audience if she doesn't make crystal-clear that she knows what she's talking about? Faderman's reticence makes me think that she intends her book for the straight intelligentsia, who like their history of lesbian life "objective"—that is, by non-lesbians.

Another indication of her intended audience is her stuffy, academic tone. Here's Faderman on faggot facial hair:

> [I]t took times more open to complexity... to devalorize heterogenderality for [gay men] and to encourage both members of a male couple to wear mustaches or otherwise manifest masculinity.

How can she, as an English professor, write with so little clarity and vitality? Strangely, Faderman's academic approach doesn't prevent numerous misspellings and typos, some of them—like "androgenous"—a bit worrisome in a historian.

Faderman's tilt to the mainstream is also evident in explanations that wouldn't be necessary for a lesbian/gay audience and that take the place of more illuminating material. For example, she ever-so-cautiously speculates that "actresses may have feared that merely playing a lesbian role placed them under suspicion of lesbianism" and reveals that "although heterosexual students were unaware of it, many of the physical education majors were lesbians."

All this pussyfooting is reinforced by the fact that "homophobia" appears twice in the book, "coming out" almost never, and "oppression" and "androgyny" not at all. I'm not a fan of writing that tosses those nouns around mindlessly, but I don't think a lesbian history can do justice to our lives without them.

According to the one lesbian history in print, lesbian feminism was about creating gynoids, failed even at this, and only got itself some notice because of the grooviness of the times.... First of all, lesbian feminism was at least as much about sex as about anything else.

I have to admit that the intensity of my criticism stems, in part, from an appalling situation for which Faderman bears no responsibility: in a society that prints thousands of trashy romances for every lesbian title, the few accounts of our lives that do see print have undue influence. Faderman's book is subtitled: "A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth-Century America." Maybe this claim was forced on her by Columbia's editors; I can't believe that Faderman herself thinks that one volume, however brilliant, could ever convey the intricacies of modern lesbian life.

I suspect she got caught up in the game of history publishing, which has applied a predictable little formula to every "minority group" this century: "Get a straight white guy to write you up, and then maybe we'll do a survey book. If it sells okay, maybe you can go into a little more detail later." Think I'm exaggerating? There is exactly one other mainstream-published lesbian history in print in this country: the even more sweeping *Surpassing the Love of Men: Romantic Friendship and Love between Women from the Renaissance to the Present*. Its author? Lillian Faderman. Our history, incredibly, is being written by one woman.

I'm not suggesting we turn down the few bigtime publishing opportunities offered us. But those who get these crumbs must realize that they receive with them a sacred trust—the responsibility of doing their very best to represent the staggering diversity of their people, past and present. And, frankly, I think Faderman could have handled this responsibility much better.

For one thing, she could have refused to sacrifice depth for breadth. Rather than taking a sketchy chapter-per-decade approach that massively oversimplifies, she could have done one period well. My vote goes to the '50s, the era of her coming out, which she describes with welcome liveliness and psychological subtlety. Though Faderman never uses the first person in her 1950s chapter, it contains much more interview material than any other, and it is detailed and open minded in its exploration of tough topics like butch-femme role-playing and class differences.

Above all, Faderman's chapter on the '50s makes vivid the fear felt by so many lesbians living in that not-so-far-removed time. When she writes that "the 1950s were perhaps the worst time in history for women to love women," it sounds like a cry from the heart. As I read, I felt a deepening of my admiration for the gutsy lesbians of that time who refused to bow their heads, women such as Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, Naiad Press co-founder Barbara Grier, and Faderman herself.

But alas, Faderman tries to capture 90 years and hundreds of thousands of people in 308 pages. She doesn't offer a bibliography, so it's impossible to know how much reading she did. She does say that she interviewed a "wide diversity" of 186 lesbians in a whopping seven states (none of them southern) who "span the socioeconomic spectrum," but their testimony rarely enlivens the text.

And even though Faderman repeatedly acknowledges the importance of gathering information about lesbians who are not Caucasian and/or upper class, her text (especially for the period 1900-1930) focuses heavily on such familiar figures of privilege as Bryn Mawr president Carey Thomas, often drawing on already-published sources (not that I didn't enjoy re-reading Eleanor Roosevelt's love note to Lorena Hickok on FDR's inauguration day, and Emma Goldman's girlfriend's protest that, "I cannot escape from the rhythmic spurt of your love juice").

All too often, the information Faderman unearths about hidden lesbians is reburied in her footnotes. For example, she cites—but gives short shrift to—intriguing material about pre-World War I lesbian prisoners (Black women are described as courting white women with locks of hair and love notes), lesbian transvestites (a large number of women cross-dressed in the teens to get better jobs), and bisexual Harlemites of the '20s (reminiscences of more ordinary women are passed over for better-known tales about entertainers like Bessie Smith, Gladys Bentley, and Ma Rainey).

In fairness to Faderman, there are times when she implies that she isn't really attempting the all-encompassing history her subtitle advertises. Actually, she suggests, she's just trying to make two major points—neither of which strikes me as earth-shattering. One is simply this: "[I]f any generalization can be made about large numbers of [lesbians] at any given time, it is bound soon to change anyway." This observation is so obvious that I wonder if it isn't really one of those timeworn appeals to the mainstream not to judge us harshly, to please see past the stereotypes and be fair.

Faderman's other big idea seems similarly timid: "Sexuality is often a social construct—a product of the times and of other factors that are entirely external to the 'sexual drive.' " In other words, she basically doesn't believe that lesbians are "born that way," even if they say so. Instead, she feels that women in this century in the U.S. have, in effect, become lesbians in response to sexologists' creation of "lesbian" as an identity, the anonymity offered by urbanization, population growth sufficient to make motherhood optional, all-female institutions like wartime factories and women's colleges, openness about sex and economic development permitting women to support themselves without men. As these phenomena have emerged, so too, she says, has 20th century U.S. lesbianism. Earlier "homoaffectional" women, she believes, were relatively few and rarely sexual.

This last assertion, of course, is sweeping and controversial, and Faderman doesn't defend it, perhaps believing (wrongly) that her previous book took care of the matter. I also feel uncomfortable joining anyone in contradicting what a lesbian says about the origins of her sexual identity. But it seems clear that—lesbianogens probably not having been added to the atmosphere—the reasons for the ever-greater proportion of lesbians in our society are indeed the socioeconomic developments unique to the modern U.S. It may be news to the mainstream, but I've thought it was pretty well-accepted among lesbians that our "sexual orientation" is not simply an involuntary bit of biology.

These two less-than-powerful points are made repeatedly in a structure that's reminiscent of Cliff Notes. At the beginning of each decade-oriented chapter, Faderman declares that the era was relatively good (or bad) for dykes (the turn of the century, '20s, '40s, and '60s-'80s were pretty good, thanks); at the end, she notes that each period had bad (or good) aspects, too. In between, she discusses a handful of trends, often without statistical back-up, and with mixed results.

Faderman does do a great job of describing the astonishingly overt ways in which men have tried to keep women poor, uneducated, and separate (although she makes this sound too much like a

phenomenon of yesteryear), making the important point that many lesbians of the past were married to men because of economic dependence. She also transcends old jokes to make clear how important women's colleges and military service were to lesbian bonding. And she presents a variety of fun facts to know'n'tell, quoting an 1870s article in which the male author actually accuses women's colleges of breeding lesbians "as weeds are forced in hot beds," a 1914 admonition to young girls from a male sex expert to "just bear in mind" when sharing a bed with another girl "that beds are sleeping places," and an 1892 medical report of a woman making her sister pregnant by "commit[ting] the simulacrum of the male act on her just after copulating with her husband."

But there are analyses—even before she reaches the "lesbian feminist '70s"—in which I think Faderman goes astray. For example, she gives tremendous weight to male turn-of-century sexologists: "If the sexologist did not create a lesbian subculture, they [sic] certainly were the midwives to it." Faderman is right in arguing that it was these fiercely homophobic men who first defined "lesbianism," conferring an identity on women-loving women and inadvertently notifying them that others of their kind existed. But she makes the classic professor's mistake of overstating the impact of their writings at a time of widespread illiteracy. She compounds this error by devoting pages to the sexologists, yet mentioning the diminishing influence of organized religion and the growing availability of contraception precisely... once.

Which brings me to Faderman's portrayal of "lesbian life" from the late '60s onward. It has three basic parts, the first devoted to the Stonewall-era rise of lesbian liberation, the second to lesbian feminism in the '70s and the last to the '80s "shift to moderation." I have only one major quarrel with the first: It gives much more weight to the Stonewall riot and "the hippies" than to the New Left, the anti-war movement ("Vietnam" never appears) or, incredibly, the women's movement. (Talk about your lesbian subculture midwives!) But the other two sections really disturbed me.

If I'm cranky in this review, it's because Faderman—who's admirably fairminded and even-toned about S/M dominatrixes and stone butches—adopts a critical and trivializing stance toward lesbian feminists. Take a look at this:

> The lesbian-feminists of the 1970s attempted to create a transcendant lesbian identity in which all lesbians looked alike, ate alike, thought alike, loved alike. Since lesbians had never been uniform, lesbian-feminism's ideological rigidity doomed it to failure. But lesbian-feminists were successful in that they drew a good deal of public attention to lesbianism, usually without disastrous results, since the liberal '70s permitted differences.

According to the one lesbian history in print (one more than there would be without lesbian feminist writing and publishing), lesbian feminism was about creating gynoids, failed even at this, and only got itself some notice because of the grooviness of the times.

Arrggh. Where to begin? With some honest self-questioning, I guess.

Did we have a uniform? Sure—and I was as happy as the next girl when the earrings revolution happened and clothes freedom became the order of the day. But am I the only woman left who remembers when our uniform wasn't a uniform—when it was a wonderful breakthrough into comfort and, yes, sensuality? How did overalls with bare breasts beneath come to be viewed as more confining than linen and leather jackets? Look at the couple Faderman uses to illustrate our dress code back then: one woman is slipping her hand up the other's shorts.

Were we dogmatic? Yes—but the hard truth is that I (and, indeed, our society) would be much more racist, classist, ageist, ableist and even self-hating if not for lesbian feminism's continual carping. The constant self-examination was hard, hard, hard. But I'd be a much more self-absorbed and intolerant woman today if not for the work that was asked of me. We mustn't forget that much of the dogma of yesteryear—repeated because it was so new, so hard to internalize in a society that hadn't yet been touched by us—has become the common sense of today. We could only dream then of college classes routinely reading Audre Lorde and Adrienne Rich.

Was it painful, exhausting, even crazymaking to be a lesbian feminist in the '70s and '80s? Absolutely (and, as editor of the national women's monthly *Sojourner*, I often felt like I was at the heart of the storm). But I want to say something to everyone who, like Faderman, thinks that's the end of the story: There were moments—no, long stretches—when we felt an aliveness, a joy, and, yes, a sisterhood that can bring tears to our eyes and that we will cherish till the end of our lives.

Was lesbian feminism, as one Faderman interviewee put it, "anaphrodisiac"? Take it from one who was there: emphatically not. This book is just one of many '90s writings condemning '70s lesbian feminists as uninterested in sex, even anti-sensual—and as I read I wonder if mass brainwashing has occurred. Let me try to stir some memories.

First of all, lesbian feminism was at least as much about sex as about anything else: Many, many of us were drawn to it by the prospect of exuberant sex. Nothing could have been further from our experience than something Faderman proclaims in her book's second most hilarious sentence: "Unlike heterosexual women in the 1970s, lesbians generally did not have partners who would prod them on to greater sexual looseness."

I can only think that, having come out in the '50s, she simply didn't attend any of the thousands of CR and lesbian support meetings, or read any of the thousands of writings, in which we '70s lesbian feminists made absolutely clear that men's prodding of us was not promoting our sexual growth, and we eagerly explored ways of doing the job ourselves. (When she later claims that "casual sex" was verboten among us, she makes even more obvious that she missed all those meetings—or certainly the hours after.)

Ironically—sadly—much of the hard evidence of our sexiness has disappeared: Our hot novels and poetry are out of print (since the mainstream wouldn't publish them), our vulva posters are tattered, and we never taped the concerts at which we greeted lines like Cris Williamson's "Come on, sweet fire, and lick me clean" with lascivious hoots. (Faderman's entitled to admire k.d. lang and Melissa Etheridge, but there's no licking going on in their lyrics.) The truth is that there was a whole lot of sex happening among us—and,

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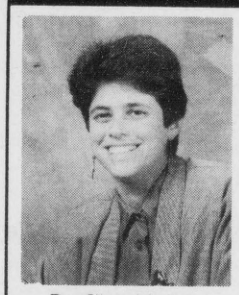

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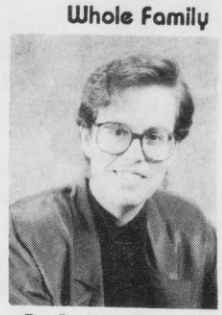

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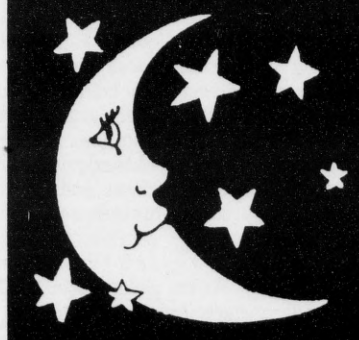

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WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

This is Not A Nice Neighborhood

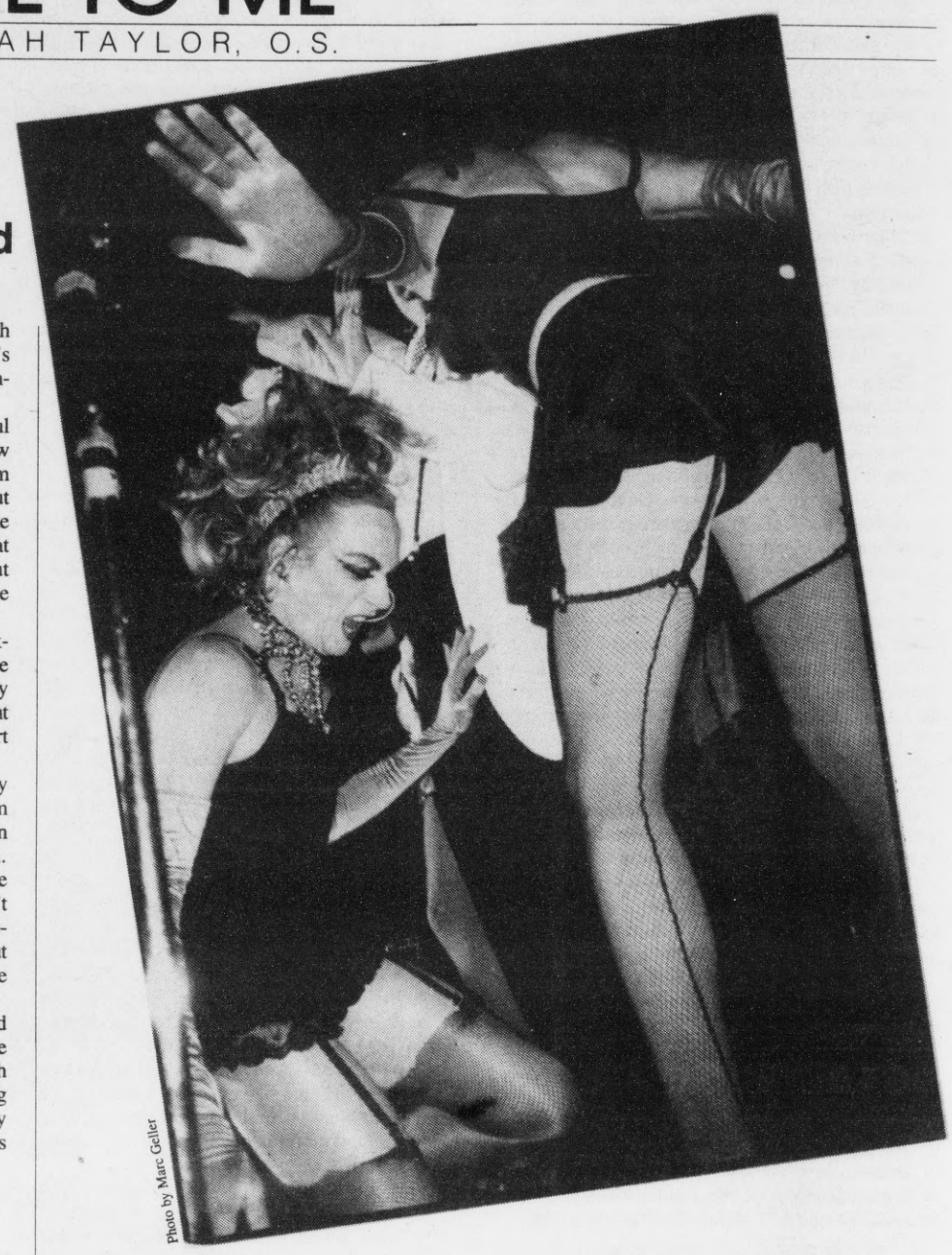

Photo by Marc Geller

Tippi

Perhaps I've gotten too jaded living South of Market in a warehouse. Or maybe it's cynicism from living on one of San Francisco's worst streets, Sixth and Mission.

I had wandered through another non-eventful evening at Club Uranus, hanging with two new friends, Yanni and Karen, a fag and a dyke from Boston, watching people go by and talking about the party I'd had in my space the night before. The evening passed quickly, and we ended up out at the sidewalk sale as the bar closed, checking out the discounted merchandise leaning against the outside walls of the End Up.

Yanni asked if I'd like a ride home, and I jokingly said yes, then explained that I lived three blocks away. I added that my corner was probably the most dangerous one in the City, Hunters Point withstanding, and that even at such a short distance the ride would make me feel safer.

I don't feel easily threatened in my neighborhood. When I walk out my door, I'm either dressed like a skinhead or a drag thang, in neither of which cases I seem to get messed with. As an apparent "skin" I look too readily capable of violence. As a drag freak... well, homos don't know what to do with me, let alone straight people.... Besides, I can run swiftly in platforms. But to be on the safe side I try to walk home with one of my 17 roommates or get a ride.

So I walked two blocks to his car and crawled in with Karen. The chatting was lively, and we weren't ready for it to end. As we drove up Sixth toward my home, I pointed out the pretty flashing white, blue and red lights which blocked our way near my destination, and explained to my new pals the wonders of living in a depressed area.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

Every day I see men beating women. Every day. But the women come screaming back at the men, when the men turn away. They don't tell the guy to get stuffed and leave him in their dust. The other day I saw a man beating his sister with a two-by-four in the parking lot across from my home as their much younger siblings watched and laughed with disconcerting indifference, as if it were the Coyote getting bonked by the Road Runner. Meep! Meep! I stood in my third floor kitchen with my phone to my mouth giving words to the scene as it played out below me to the police emergency operator. My voice was non-emotive. I've grown used to this.

I've never seen women beating men, but I see women beating their crying children. I used to try to get in the middle of these domestic disputes. Not any more. When I've tried, I've found both turn against me, having found a new target for their anger, hatred and violence. Now I just go in my door and call the police. They don't want to deal with it either, but at least I've made some sort of effort. A cop-out I know, but it can be frightening living down here.

As I got out of the car that night, my friend Yanni expressed concern that I would have to walk through that whole mess of 10 or so police cars which filled the street before us, blocking further travel along Sixth. I assured him that it was no biggy, and wished him a good evening.

Being the good ambulance chaser that I am, I of course had to see what was going on, adding on top of that my inherent distrust, as a queer, of the San Francisco Police Department.

FACE DOWN CUFFED YAHOO

My roommate Robert lay on the ground a few paces from his present beau, Franck, face down, cuffed, speaking to anyone who would listen. Adrenaline-inspired Tourette's syndrome. Ten to 15 police stood about and looked official. This time I stopped.

The other day I saw a man beating his sister with a two-by-four in the parking lot

Four of my roommates stood across the street, and I crossed to join them, going to my pal Becky to get the scoop on what was going down. She said that Franck had run inside our loft yelling that someone was getting mugged on Sixth Street, so she called the cops and came out to help. This she relayed to a detective who came by to take information.

Franck turned to Robert and said, "Oh, I felt just like Angie Dickenson." A gun which I recognized to be Robert's lay on the ground nearby between the spread feet of another posturing officer.

A banging came from the back driver's window of one of the cop cars, and we all focused there for the moment. The action was quick. All I saw was a kid, who in a flash was out of the police car, struggling with the cops, perhaps kneeing one in the groin, then receiving some serious manhandling.

I recognized him as someone who had met and spoken to me only minutes before at Uranus about the March on Hollywood. A young kid named Stephan, a kindred spirit, wearing a maroon velvety dress and some lace around his neck and as gloves. Stephan was struggling against the holds of five or more police, causing himself more hurt than good.

I rushed into the street to calm him. He was in a choke hold and was panicking. I came up to him and said, "Relax. It'll be OK if you relax."

I was close to his face, trying to soothe him with my confidence that all would be resolved, as a trickle of blood started from his nose. One of the cops turned to the restraining officer and chided him to loosen his ridiculous choking hold. As the grip was loosened opening his air passages, the boy started gagging, coughing thick volumes of blood onto the restraining officer's arm, onto his dress, and onto my coat.

I kept speaking to him, looking at him in the eyes, trying not to let him see my fear.

I don't want to sound like a homo commando, leading queer hordes up hills to combat the world's evils, but I felt that to him my being "Ggreg Taylor (activiste/spokesmodel)," whatever that means, made a difference, and made me an immediate ally, earning his trust, and helping calm his hysteria.

He mellowed out as I spoke to him. I told him all would be OK. As the paddy wagon pulled away with him inside, I stood in the orange lit street feeling unclean. I sensed I had betrayed him.

I knew that he needed to chill or they would be ruthless; they've proven that many times. But I still felt like a traitor. I hope he will accept my apology.

I returned to Becky who had finished speaking with the detective. My emotions were jumbled: anger and impotence at my world. I turned to her, then away again toward the milling police officers and said, "You know Tippi died tonight, too."

CHILD STAR RELEASED

I shouldn't have told her then. It wasn't the right time. But I couldn't deal, and Becky is one of my best friends. As Robert explained to a policeman how he had blah, blah, blah the "suspect," Becky and I held each other and cried below the awning of Fred's Liquors.

Tippi was one of the more wonderful people I have been so lucky to have had the privilege of meeting. Once at a cocktail party far, far in the distant past, before any of us were anyone, Lewis (of Uranus) announced that he had run out of olives for the martinis. Tippi opened her purse and revealed that she had coincidentally won a three gallon jar of green olives earlier, and happened to still have them hidden away in her purse. That was Tippi.

From her one could learn grace, charm and poise under pressure. At *Who Does That Bitch Think She Is?*, the Doris Fish benefit the year before, Tippi had been ill with AIDS-related pneumonia, but refused to back out of the show. She sat as long as she could on the sidelines until the last minute necessary to don a doo and a dress for her next number, then out she went with her tooth white glowing and glistening.

Becky and I stood there on the sidewalk and cried. We cried for our friends, and we cried for ourselves.

Normally my writing in this publication is about celebration and reverie, parties and personalities. These environments we have created, the bars, cafes and clubs have formed as barriers from the barbs of our seldom understanding society. They are very important for a growth of self-esteem, personal healing and acceptance, but we must constantly examine that from which we protect ourselves.

Later that morose evening, as Becky and I sat processing in our kitchen over pasta and Wheat Thins, she related to me what I had missed of the scenario.

Our yahoo daring duo perceived that either a woman or transvestite was getting raped and immediately went into action to help the victim—who was Stephan. Franck ran up and collected and loaded Robert's registered handgun, and returned to the scene. Quickly Robert had one of the assailants down on the ground, while the ferocious, furious Stephan turned against his other attacker in a flurry of nails and knees. A coincidentally passing police car only saw Robert there, gun in hand in the middle of the street. Their response was understandable.

The question now: How will bashers respond when they realize dykes and fags now tote guns, and will no longer be passive victims?

We are not safe most places still. We must remain aware of our surroundings and routes of travel. When leaving the End Up or its general vicinity, do not walk up Sixth Street. Do not travel alone. Carry a whistle. We have been told to take these and other precautions repeatedly, and we need to take them to heart and put them into practice.

Bad Cop/No Donut as well as many other local queer groups teach us that cops as a whole are evil. Many are. But not all. If Stephan had not been taught only to fear and distrust police perhaps he might not still be in jail now, the victim of a violent crime who lashed out in panic and fright. How he ended up in the back of a receding police vehicle, bleeding severely and truly terrified, I will not understand.

Tonight I can only wish the best for the boy in the paddy wagon and for Tippi. I hope both of them will be all right.

Lounging...

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even sweats like Elvis." No mean feat.

THREE WOMEN'S BANDS
Klub Komotion, August 10

This evening of women's videos and bands was a benefit for AWOL (Artists and Writers Out Loud), a group of activist artist-types. Held in the digs of the anarchist-minded Komotion folks, the performances had that indescribable punk feel. Perhaps it was the cushions strewn about the hall, or the heavy concentration of QN dykes, or maybe the smell of sweat hanging heavy in the air....

The bands were much more to my liking. First up were the Lucy Stoners, a kind of punkish concoction, complete with a shaven-headed singer sporting powerful lungs. This same woman, Selena, had organized the evening and placidly introduced the videos. When she took the stage as bassist and singer for the Stoners, she transformed into a she-devil, shrieking and chanting. She led off one song with "This one's called 'Women Who Hate Women Who Love Themselves.'" Another song ran along the lyrical lines of "I am Jesus on the cross. I am naked." Only together since February, the Lucy Stoners are mining the post-punk industrial mode, according to Selena, daring to cover such gems as "Touch Me I'm Sick."

Following up were the more melodic Her Majesty the Baby, a four-piece somewhat queer band that's getting some attention from the mainstream and working on recording. Their set was marred by sound problems, more for them than the audience, but vocalist Lee kept appealing to the sound people to turn up the band's monitors. Two-part harmonies and catchy melodies are this band's stock in trade. Lee does great things with her voice: Everything from hiccups to trills to Diamanda Galas-like shrieks. A healthy statement was made, as well, when Nancy the drummer removed her shirt. Sort of like a little touch of Michigan in San Francisco.

Lastly, the Mudwimmin went on. I had a few misgivings about what was in store, since I'd attended their show at The Chameleon the week before when half the audience and the band seemed chemically impaired. This show went well, though—controlled chaos. They appeared, as usual, in body paint and Goodwill's finest duds, Flintstone slippers firmly in place. Rachel intoned sternly in Southern tones. Mia and Lisa giggled, while Bambi, in good voice, provided a grounding influence. And they rocked, with only a few show-stopping, wandering dialogues with the audience, one involving someone's bottle of champagne. They will be flooding the market with recorded material soon: Two 45s and a CD, so you, too, can experience the indescribable.

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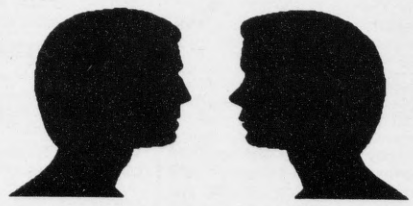

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and he falls. Then in flashback to an hour earlier, the ingratiating Gonzalez leads us through several amusing line readings from *P.S.*, breaking rehearsal to create the set pieces that account the derailing of Mineo's once-promising film career. Gonzalez' assails the industry's attitude that saw him only in dark-skinned "weirdo" roles. He complains of studio control over private lives that kept many actors closeted. "Pink listing" was death in the industry, and when he "came out" to Rock Hudson and later in Europe to Robert Taylor, he was rejected by both.

With increasing petulance, he compares himself to Hoffman and Pacino, both exceptions to the classic leading man. Where's *my* 'Midnight Cowboy'—*my* 'Godfather Part I'? he asks. In a series of recurring interviews he comes to realize that his fame is not so much for his early film work and his two Academy Award nominations as it is for information about his long-rumored affair with James Dean. Asked again and again, "Did you have an affair with James Dean?" he retorts, "How do you define 'affair'?"

Prurient as the public's interest may have been, the answer as to whether or not they slept together (and it's not answered here) is of little impact in understanding the psyche of this angst-ridden, self-destructive actor. When did he first forsake his "artistic integrity" to seek and accept "outcast" roles, hustlers, homosexuals and other offbeat types? What desperation brought him to don an ape costume for *Planet of the Apes*? What of his family? His relationship with other actors and friends? Brief mention is made of his falling in love with a New York actor who was coming out to live with him. Surely this upswing in his personal life merited more than a line or two.

The real Sal Mineo surely holds more drama than is evident in the current script with its tabloid aspects of a tortured career. With more than enough temperament to bring Mineo to life, Gonzalez touches us with his sly grin, his mercurial flashes of anger, sweetness, despair and bitterness at an industry that set his character up as a victim. His performance far outshone the surface treatment of the script.

Faderman...

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though it may seem tame now, it was new, exciting, even revolutionary then.

I've felt sad as the inevitable expansion of our sexual creativity—with, of course, some folks liking the innovations and some not—has prompted so much judgment of the sex we enjoyed in the '70s. Times change, sex changes—but not as much as Faderman thinks. In her most hilarious sentence she writes, " 'Fist-fucking'... spread among the gay male community in the 1970s.... Among lesbians who adopted the technique in the 1980s the act was often accomplished vaginally." If you believe nothing else I write, know that the 1970s saw some hands in some vaginas.

Faderman's unkindest cut, however, concerns the legacy of lesbian feminism. In the most offensive of her sins of commission, she writes in the past tense about the bookstores, publications, presses, music festivals and other labors of '70s lesbian feminists: "They attempted to create economic cooperatives, child care centers, food co-ops, health clinics, halfway houses, and skills centers, and they dreamt grandiously [sic] about multiplying their institutions all over the country."

Again, our sole lesbian historian is denying our proudest achievements. Doesn't she know that the rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters and women's health programs now dotting the country were almost all founded by '70s lesbian feminists and continue to employ many of us? Doesn't she realize that the great majority of the women's bookstores we created are alive and well, still hubs of lesbian activity nationwide? Doesn't she know that the music festivals she describes as outdated vestiges of separatism attract more women every year?

How can she write that "most of the women's [publishing] houses of the 1970s eventually failed" and "there were more lesbian novels published by women's publishers in the mid-'70s than at the end of the decade," without adding that presses founded by lesbian feminists are printing more titles than ever before, in greater quantities, with far wider distribution? As a historian, shouldn't she have unearthed the fact that many of the co-ops, skills centers, and halfway houses that now serve a broad spectrum of women and men around the country were brought to life—if under different names, with different structures—by '70s lesbian feminists, and continue to be heavily staffed by us, like countless other non-profit/progressive enterprises?

Faderman is equally guilty of some serious sins of omission. While she devotes many a page to the "sex wars," she gives two paragraphs to women's spirituality, an outgrowth of '70s lesbian feminism that has, of course, become a huge phenomenon (she discusses it condescendingly, in terms of witches). Incredibly, she misses completely the fact that the incest awareness we now take for granted was created predominantly by lesbian feminists, who first broke the secrecy in, yes, lesbian-published periodicals and books. She also seems to have missed the fact that the lesbian AIDS workers she praises come as often from the ranks of '70s lesbian feminists as from anywhere else—and that much of the current pressure for attention to women's cancer is coming from those of us who cut our teeth on women's health struggles back in the days when *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, far from being a staple of Waldenbooks, was available only in women's stores.

I know—the point isn't to count battle scars. But the fact that I'm drifting into that kind of thing illustrates what, in the end, is the worst aspect of Faderman's book: This lone history of U.S. lesbians actually misrepresents many of us. I plunked down thirty bucks for it, settled in happily to read it—and found myself angry and hurt.

But a '70s adage came to mind: Don't agonize, organize. In the best tradition of lesbian feminism, I took pen in hand, and (Faderman's report of the death of lesbian publishing being premature), you're reading the result. I can only hope she's more accurate in her proclamation that mainstream publishing attitudes toward lesbians have "metamorphosed," and that you'll soon also be reading deeper, fairer histories than hers.

AIDS Treatment...

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most debilitating consequences of GI disease. Recent studies suggest that even very early in HIV infection, before symptoms appear, people may not absorb normal levels of nutrients from the gut and into the blood stream. In addition to absorbing nutrients, maintaining adequate fluid and chemical levels can also be a critical problem with frequent or large volume diarrhea. It is essential that these issues be addressed in the medical management of any person with GI symptoms, especially diarrhea and vomiting.

Doctors differ in their treatment of absorption problems. Some recommend large doses of vitamins and minerals. Others worry that some of these may be useless, or worse, harmful when used in very high doses. However, everyone seems to agree that the area of nutrition and nutritional supplementation is critically important and vastly understudied.

In standard medical practice, there are two ways to approach weight loss. The first is to stimulate the appetite. Some people find marijuana to be useful for this purpose; a legal drug called Marinol contains the active ingredient, and is available by prescription. A drug called megace has been used in people with cancer, and recent studies in people with AIDS suggest that it is an effective appetite stimulant, often resulting in weight gain and an improved sense of well-being. Megace is also available by prescription.

The second approach is to supplement the usual diet with liquid food. Sometimes these supplements are in the form of canned drinks (they have names like Ensure and Sustecal). Oral supplements are most helpful in people who are still able to absorb nutrients from the GI tract. Some new formulations are currently being tested in clinical trials.

In more serious cases of malabsorption, liquid food can be delivered intravenously. Unfortunately, this requires surgical placement of tubing into a large vein in the chest which empties directly into the heart. Although this is very expensive, and using it is inconvenient and requires training, it can significantly extend the life of someone who is wasting as a result of chronic diarrhea, loss of appetite and/or malabsorption.

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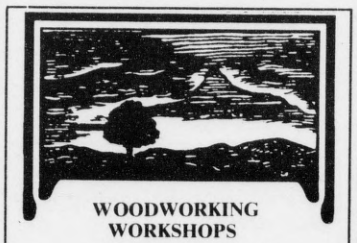

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Of the magical childlike wonderment of a relationship with another woman. Me: blonde hair, blue eyes, soft large butch, 36, financially stable, nonsmoking, enjoys music: country, new age, reggae, outdoors: hot tubs/springs, camping, A's games, mountains, adore children (though I have none of my own) at times quiet and shy, committed to my personal growth and development, with impeccable integrity, self-respect and honesty. You: similar to me, however very individual. You are committed to sharing, loving, and enjoying life each day. Reply BT Box SP8.

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Are you ready for an honest drama-less, mature, fun-loving dance partner. Well that's me. You are punctual, lead or follow, tired of the dating game. Ready for someone you can count on. I am 5'6" —130 lbs. You are similar, but less butch than I. Light vices okay. PS: I'm a lot more interesting in person than on paper. Your move. Reply BT Box SP7 or call ★★3327.

Possible Romance

Attractive black 29 yo professional female seeks to meet "attractive", "feminine", weight proportioned, career oriented, drug-free, sane, presentable woman of any race with class. No games or dykes. Hobbies include: gourmet cooking, traveling and photography. I am also an incurable romantic who likes to cuddle by the fireplace and take long walks on the beach. Discretion if preferred. Reply BT Box SP9 or call ★★3328.

Too Many Fish In The Sea

Stop fishing around and come have fun with me. I am a 30 yo prof. who is honest, down to earth, funloving, cute, and very adventurous. I enjoy life, looking for women between the ages of 25-35, race is no option, no smokers please, but controlled drinking OK. I live in Contra Costa County, but please reply Boxholder, PO Box 5451, Vallejo, 94591 or call ★★3329.

Can We Talk?

Attractive woman of substance seeks GWF early 30s-early 50s. I'm growth-oriented, bright, zany, well-educated and traveled, and professional. I'm also a good communicator, direct and honest and not commitment-phobic. My interests include cinema, plays, concerts, hiking, Jazz, good food, good conversation, travel and trying the untried. You are: attractive, fun, sensual, womanly, bright and available. You are not: repressed, addictive, petty, radically PC, or severely neurotic. Write Boxholder, PO Box 280143, SF 94128-0143. ★★3330

Co-Parenting

I am a 46 yo lesbian who wants to co-parent with a single lesbian. I want a co-parent who is financially and emotionally secure as I am. Someone who has similar child rearing values and excellent communication skills. Birth, adoption, foster children? I'm open, flexible. Let's talk and see if

Dykes To Watch Out For

50 MINUTES
TICK TICK TICK
IT'S THAT TIME OF THE WEEK AGAIN!
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HI.
HELLO, MO.
NICE DAY.
MM HMM.
OH. WELL... JEEZ. OKAY. GO AHEAD. I GUESS IT MUST GET KINDA BORING SITTING THERE LISTENING TO MY PATHETIC PROBLEMS. I MEAN, SO I COME FROM A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY. BIG DEAL! WHO DOESN'T?
WHEN YOU FINISH THE CROSSWORD, YOU CAN BALANCE YOUR CHECKBOOK. DON'T MIND ME. I'LL JUST KEEP WHINING ABOUT MY PREDICTABLE, MIDDLE-CLASS NEUROSES.
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU FEELING RIGHT NOW?
I'M NOT FEELING ANYTHING. MAYBE I'M DONE WITH THERAPY.
MM HMM. AND MAYBE JUSTICE SOUTER REALLY IS PRO-CHOICE. COME NOW. WHAT ARE YOU FEELING?
OH, NO! WHAT AM I FEELING?! I FORGOT TO PUT ON MY MOOD RING THIS MORNING!
JEEZ, ANYA! D'YOU HAFTA STARE AT ME LIKE THAT?
WOULD YOU RATHER I WORK ON MY CROSSWORD PUZZLE?

Support Group
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NINE FLORAL
Dear Ginger, The conference couldn't have been a bust without you. I'm so glad we met.
Malika
Dear Malika Thank you for roses.
RIP!
SHIT.
GINGER, YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT FOR HOURS. AMERICAN EDUCATION IS IN EVEN SADDER SHAPE THAN I THOUGHT. IF A PH.D. IN ENGLISH CAN'T WRITE A SIMPLE THANK-YOU NOTE
CRUMPLE CRUMPLE
WELCOME HOME, TROOPS! MILITARY HARDWARE ON PARADE!
I CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TONE TO TAKE. I MEAN, WHAT DOES "GLAD WE MET" MEAN? IS THAT LIKE, 'SO LONG, HAVE A NICE LIFE,' OR "I'D LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER?" AND WHAT DOES THE LITTLE HEART MEAN? HER WHOLE MESSAGE IS SO OPEN TO INTERPRETATION.
TEACHER DENIES LEWD CONDUCT CHARGE
FRATERNITY PLEADS INNOCENT TO RAPE CHARGE
HERE. LET ME INTERPRET IT. "DEAR GINGER, I'D LIKE TO FUCK YOU. ARE YOU INTO IT? LOVE, MALIKA."
LOIS!
OH, COME OFF IT. YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU BOTH WANT. LIFE WOULD BE A LOT SIMPLER IF WE WERE ALL MORE UPFRONT ABOUT THIS STUFF.
LOIS, YOU ARE SO DYSFUNCTIONAL! THERE'S MORE TO A RELATIONSHIP THAN "FUCKING," AS YOU CALL IT. INTIMACY ISSUES, INTERNALIZED HOMOPHOBIA, ADDICTIONS, ABUSE HISTORIES... WE ALL HAVE HURT CHILDREN INSIDE US. IT'S NEVER SIMPLE!
NO SUSPECT IN MUTILATION SLAYING
MAN HELD IN GIRLFRIEND'S DEATH
LOOK, I JUST MET THE WOMAN. I DON'T KNOW IF I WANNA SLEEP WITH HER AND I SURE AS HELL DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO GO INTO THERAPY WITH HER!
AHH. SHE LIVES TWO TIME ZONES AWAY ANYHOW. WHY DON'T YOU TRY FOR SOME LOCAL ACTION?
YEAH. DID YOU EVER WONDER WHY YOU ALWAYS FALL FOR WOMEN WHO ARE SOMEHOW UNAVAILABLE?
TOUCHY
SHE DRINKS WAY TOO MUCH COFFEE
MO&LOIS
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THAT WAS GREAT! WHAT A TREAT TO SEE THEM BLOW THAT RAPIST AWAY! BUT WHAT WAS THE REAL MESSAGE? THE ONLY WAY FOR WOMEN TO BE FREE IN THIS CULTURE IS TO BE DEAD?
YEAH. WHY COULDN'T THEY HAVE ESCAPED INTO MEXICO?
3. WHAT ABOUT BOB?
THELMA AND LOUISE
NOW PLAYING
ANOTHER MOVIE ABOUT A GUY
WHERE THEY WOULD CONSUMMATE THEIR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, OPEN A GUERILLA TRAINING CAMP FOR WOMEN AND START FOMENTING ARMED RESISTANCE AGAINST RAPISTS.
YEAH. HOW COME THEY COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT?
BECAUSE SOME WHINY MALE CRITICS THINK THE MOVIE ALREADY HAS TOO MUCH "MALE BASHING" IN IT.
VIDEO
STALKER
SLASHER
VICTIM
AMBIEN OKE CLAY LIVE
ISN'T THAT TYPICAL? MEN HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR.
(KISS KISS)
WHAT? DID YOU WANT SOMETHING?
THAT NOISE YOU JUST MADE... WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
HUH?
SERIOUSLY. I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW. IS IT A WAY OF SAYING HELLO? DID YOU WANT US TO NOTICE YOU? DO YOU WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH US? WHAT?
UH... WHOA LISTEN, I'M JUST HANGIN' OUT. I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING.
WELL, IF YOU DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING, MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE NOISES. IT'S CONFUSING.
YEAH, SURE. OKAY.
SHOULDA KICKED HIM IN THE NUTS
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October/November in Hawaii??

I'll be there for business and will have lots of free time. I'd like to connect up with other lesbians, especially those travelling alone, for dinner, snorkeling, going to the beach and/or exploring. I'll be spending one week each on Kauai, the Big Island, and Oahu. If you'll be there too, write Boxholder PO Box 31291 SF 94131 or call ★★3332.

Clean & Sober Jewish Lezy Witch

I'm spiritual, intimate, and also not afraid to be kinky. Beautiful fem, into theater & film, professional, 31. You are butch, fun, 31 + clean & sober with at least 4 years figuring out your feelings. I'm a previously political. You might be. I like to country western dance; you lead. ★★3333

Do You Adore??

animals, dancing, arousing conversation, laughter, brisk walks, the smell of the ocean...and intimacy? So do I. If you want to explore what else we have in common, such as non-smoking, no addictions and a desire for honorable relationships, give me a call. I'm 48 and you are over 35. Reply BT Box SP11 or call ★★3334.

Seduce Me

With you intelligence, you sweet beauty, creative expressiveness, sexual openness. Kiss me. Adore me. Play with me, walk with me, talk with me. As I will you. Enjoy the sacred with me, and the mundane. Take me in deeply. Give yourself to me freely. Please be a lesbian 34-43 years old, unconventional. Complicated, well read, generous, independent, ready to love and to be loved for a very long time. Please don't be overweight, pretentious, dogmatic, typical, bisexual, butch or femme, ambivalent, monotheistic. (I hanker particulary for artists, waitresses, Aries, but these are not required attributes!) Reply BT Box SP12.

Indian Summer

Romance wanted! Professional, mature woman wants hot, passionate affair (maybe more!), walks on the beach, intimate dinners, dancing, & lovemaking for hours. Peninsula perferred — will travel for chemistry! No smokers, drinkers, S/M'ers. Reply BT Box SP13.

Seeking Femme Dykes

for walks, talks, movies, dinners, more talks, sex, assorted fun, music, more sex. I'm 29, smart, funny, sweet, honest and butch. Extra points if your are over 25; like animals and being out in nature; are smart, honest, playful; live in East Bay. No smokers, please. Let's meet for coffee or a hike and see what develops. ★★3335

Butch in Need of Woman for Sex

You are feminine. Age 18-35. Nice figure, pretty face, femme in dress & in nature. No drugs, smoking, or alcohol, must like sex. Must like to be taken by a butch. I have a primary lesbian relationship. But need a sex partner, mistress; or one-night stands. Am 40, 5'4" 145 lbs. Former street dyke. Not middle class. Fairly handsome. Published lesbian porn writer. I can be very loving also. Am too shy in the bars to live! You are encouraging, warm & loving in bed. I am dominate. You are a "Badgirl/Hooker Type". Baby I will strap it on for you. I must have your love soon, or will have to take it to the streets! My last ad worked. So here I come again. Lady, why don't you join me. Reply BT Box SP14 or call ★★3336.

Seasoned Seeker

Feminist, activist, 63 years. Interested in women's issues, peace. Writer about women's lives. Hiker, runner, love the out-of-doors. Enjoy reading group, plays, jazz, good food. Attractive, healthy, funny, sensual. Seeks grown-up intimate friendship, engaging conversation, good times shared and...Reply BT Box SP15 or call ★★3337.

Move To The Country

With me and my preschooler (after we begin to learn to love each other, of course) where we can support each other's deepest growth, relax, unfold into the quiet green. I am mid-life, professional, androgynous, psychologically-minded, communicative, emotionally expressive and determined. I walk a path of healing and want to share it, in the beauty, with a life companion. Call ★★3338.

Dearest Bunny Luv

Happy 40th birthday! H and N send their love and so do I. Up, up and away in a beautiful balloon. Love always sweetie-pete, Attila the (Pun) Hon.

Lesbian Traveling Companion Sought

For trip to Europe in spring/summer of 1992. My itinerary is flexible. I want to travel cheaply (with an occasional splurge) and possibly do part of it by bike. I'm 29, energetic, adventurous and interested in museums, churches, concerts, countryside, famous dead writers' homes and in general learning about different cultures. (Non-sexual). Call ★★3339.

Renaissance Woman

Waiting for that special woman who can share my enjoyment of the music of the spheres. I enjoy moderation in most things, except passion—then my motto is "carpe diem". I'm a tall (5'9"), attractive, rubenesque woman of manners, loyalty and sensitivity (late 40s). I'm looking for a woman over 35 who possesses a strength of character, has a zest for life, enjoys boysenberry pie, plays, the symphony and movies...and who maintains a lovable sense of humor, sharp intellect and a romantic soul. I'm a non-smoker and nonaddictive and prefer same. Reply BT Box SP16 or call ★★3340.

On Tuesday, July 30,

When you asked if they have coffee, what I wish I'd said: "Yes, good coffee," and "Can I get you a cup? Will you join me?". But I was shy, enjoying your pretty, strong, soft, (I think) sweet presence. I watched you work with all those colored wires. Repair? Installation. You drove off in the van and I wondered how I could express my interest in talking with you, without seeming strange or superficial? The truth is: I'm very intuitive, felt drawn to you, my heart peeped open a bit, a feeling too rare to ignore. Maybe this will ring a bell?Reply BT Box SP17.

Chapstick Lesbian

Stocky, svelte, 2x magnifiers, all natural fibers, cable deficient, off-the-grid wannabe seeks mature relationship. Romantic Saturday morning trips to the hardware store. The Hideaway. Kraft singles. S'mores. Career failure seeks goddess under/over 40, young & alive! Let's grope together in the subterranean tunnels of love. Short term relationship with explosive ending? Patsy Cline lookalikes welcome. What do you think? Call ★★3341.

A Little Bit of Country-A Little Bit of Class

East Bay professional with down-to-earth values seeks attractive, slender fem 40 + to share travel, good food, C&W dancing, Lake Tahoe casinos, good friends & good sex. Please be emotionally & financially stable & tolerant of sports, animals & PMS. Call ★★3342.

Spoiled But Not Rotten

Committed activist who enjoys her creature comforts would like to meet 35 + dyke who understands herself. I am 44 (look 43), analytical, sensual, direct, exuberant, romantic, cute and trim. I am emotionally/financially secure and enjoy the company of women, gay men, kids, and dogs. Seek complementary, successful, non-substance-abusing woman for relationship. Reply BT Box SP18.

Big Beautiful Night Owl

Looking for other(s) who also think people who work during the day are the ones who work strange hours. I'm a blue-eyed, fat but fit, 30 year old looking for that special someone who can be a friend and companion as well as a lover. I love going to the movies, reading a good book and the great outdoors. Reply BT Box SP19.

Call To Arms

Now is the time for all good women to answer this ad—if you have been looking for companions, etcetera, who value intellectual as well as physical fitness, who are curious and compassionate, loyal, yet non-merging. And even if you think physical culture a contradiction in terms, let's meet if you have the Wednesday ballet or the Tuesday opera series. Reply BT Box SP20.

Date/dat/ 1.The time at which an event occurs...

...We'll attend poetry readings, dance to industrial music, or have coffee and discuss the latest book that we've read. We can plan subversive acts or go swinging in the park. I'm definitely sex positive, but I want to drive you crazy with anticipation for a while first. I'm a 27 year old full time student. If you'd like to discuss African American history, play tennis or just get to know each other while I'm cooking dinner for us, call... call ★★3343 or reply BT Box SP21.

OH, CN, PO, HPO, CLO, HCO

Indigo nights of passion and love. White light days of sweetness and joy. You've given me more than I could imagine wanting. Thank you sweet angel for the happiest, most satisfying year of my life. I love you, I te amo you sweet baby. Our place is of the sun, I do feel the romance, with you, with you. Love Bambi.

Capture My Imagination

Looking for complexity, courage, intelligence, coupled with incredible curiosity & drive. I enjoy MTV, movies, opera, racquetball, evening walks, dining out during the week, dining in on the weekends. I am a busy, successful professional woman who seeks the company of other professionals who are over 30 and who may also be seeking new friends for fun and pleasure. Reply BT Box SP22.

I Know Where I Am

But I can't find you anywhere! I've looked in my favorite bookstore (in the sleazy mystery section as well as "good" fiction); I climbed a semi-high mountain, but nope, you weren't there. I have looked here in the personals, but Ms semi-right is nowhere to be found. So: When I find you, I'm hoping you'll be funny, smart, sure of yourself and warm-hearted. I would be happy to meet you at some charming cafe for some good conversation. You can recognize me because I am funny (in a cynical sort of way), intelligent, attractive and in my mid-thirties. Drop me a line and let me know your exact location! Reply BT Box SP23 or call ★★3344.

Mostly Looking For New Friends

But who knows...feel funny about listing my specs, so I'll do it covertly. I like being with people who have a great sense of humor, are intelligent, healthy (mentally & physically), career oriented, financially secure, feminine, attractive, capable of occasional deep thought, don't define themselves by their sexual preference, are stable and can't imagine putting an ad in the personals. There. I just described myself. Well they say like attracts like. If answering an ad makes you uncomfortable, we already have something in common. How about lunch or coffee? Call ★★3345.

Big & Cuddly

I am attracted to fat women. I'd like someone to hold onto and to rub my medium sized body against. Looks unimportant, just attitude. Likes to laugh, dance, movies and fun. Only those who send photos, good or bad, will get a call back. No drugs, drinks or smokes. Call ★★3346.

Looking For My First Relationship

I am the best source of warmth, appreciation and support that you'll ever find. You are 30-40's, authentic, enthusiastic, affectionate, caring, understanding women with diverse interests. I'm an inexperienced, versatile 34 year old who's looking for committed intimacy. A photo would be nice if you feel comfortable doing so. No smokers, dopers or drinkers. Reply BT Box SP24 or call ★★3347.

In Search Of...

enthusiastic, self-assured, affectionate, active women who like to use their minds as well as their bodies. Must be able to laugh at themselves as well as life. This thirtysomething, fit, grounded blue-eyed gal seeks friends and/or more if the chemistry is right. Especially attracted to women who have a mixture of fem and butch. Recent activities include backpacking for a week, bodysurfing at China beach, and travel in Europe. Also I would love to find seasoned golf buddies (I shoot in the 90s). Other interests include massage, cooking, friends, kissing for hours and last but by no means least, sex. Interested? Reply Boxholder Suite 208, PO Box 15000, SF 94115.

Intelligent—Sensual

Are you there? Are you the woman to turn me on? I don't want to enclose you with imaginary demands. Surprise me with your own reality. But I know something about myself. I like intelligent and sensual people. I am 43, good looking and economically stable. Reply BT Box SP25 or call ★★3348.

Wanted: One Good-Hearted Woman

For a slightly less then perfect lesbian. I'm a sucker for silly love songs, strong soft women, kids, cats, old dogs and wild birds. I love traveling, camping, natural history, birding, street and country fairs, music, the desert and beautiful sunrises. You: honest, irreverent, intelligent, adventurous, with interests of your own. Extra points for East Bay or teaching me to two-step. Come on, I'll show you my favorite place if you'll show me yours. Reply BT Box SP26 or call ★★3349.

Remember This

Big boned gal, nearing thirty, looking for excitement. Do you like to leave town on a moment's notice? When you're in a crowd, do you make your presence felt? Are the answers to these questions yes? I'm busy with my career, school and social life, which could include you. Let's share candlelight dinners, dance to funk music or sip champagne over Sunday brunch. Between the two of us, I'm sure that we can think of something memorable. Call ★★3350.

I Can't Believe

that you are actually reading these ads. Maybe you are as lonely & as tired of being single as I am. Soft butch seeks fem for committed monogamous relationship. Over 40? 5'6" or less? Under 130 lbs? To-die-for gorgeous? Yes, I'm biased but I know what I want & what will create chemistry. Beyond that? Call ★★3351.

New Friends Wanted

Me: 40, femme, big woman (over 200lbs), enjoy museums, classical music, dancing, travel. I like myself, my work and my life and would welcome new friends and possible lover to enjoy these interests with. You: over 35, not fat phobic and/or a big woman who likes herself, non-smoker, light drinker who values honesty, step programs and the differences between us. We both are emotionally available and monogamous if the chemistry is right. Call ★★3352.

An Odd Mix

Tall, lean, gentle brunette with hazel eyes, competent (not fluttery) fem, in mid 40s, well established professionally, fond of animals, wildflowers and outlaws, seeking multidimensional women of any race for dating and romance. I am especially attracted to tall, intelligent women who are slightly butch of center and near my own age group. My ideal woman is in a profession which deeply interests her and has a wild streak running through her tenderness. Special weakness for policewomen, paramedics, firefighters (could this be a uniform fetish?) and veterinarians and would love to hear from these, but who knows?—you might be something I haven't thought of yet. Reply BT Box SP27 or call ★★3353.

Please Call

Slender attractive femme late 40s looking for kind hearted butch. I am a published writer who also works in the field of psychology. I'm not into psycho-babble and like to laugh, play, enjoy the arts, movies and nature. Attracted to down to earth women who are androgynous looking and don't come on too strong. Please be non-smoking, drug free, non-drinking, high spirited. Leave a message for me and I'll call you. Reply BT Box SP28 or call ★★3354.

Women With Children

I am a woman with a 9 month old daughter. I'm looking for someone who likes to have fun. With her child. And a friend. We hope you're out there. We don't drink or smoke. Maybe it will turn into something more. I'm 27, like to read, dance, walk, talk, cook. I'm looking for someone who is honest and easy going. Let's meet at a park. We are in the EB. Reply BT Box SP29 or call ★★3355.

Dance With Me

...in body and soul. In rhythm of Prince, Joan Armatrading and Talking Heads. Asking for but not insisting on you to be in SF, a 36-42 year old lesbian. Move me with the power of a butch in a femme body. Reply BT Box SP30 or call ★★3356.

Spank My Bare Bottom

Tie me to the trellis, cover me with pesto, dance around me waving a National Geographic over your head singing "Ruby don't take your love to town" and ... just kidding. Artist, writer, early thirties, interested in just about everything (everything thats interesting that is). My passions include good food, humor, music (folk, rock), flora and fauna, Zen and philosophy (my own). I try to be tolerant and open minded but have no patience for racists, bigots and other mean minded types. Need friends (as my friends will tell you), could use a lover but don't want to force it if it don't fit. Interested? Of course you are. Please write, I'm sitting by my mailbox eagerly awaiting your response. Forget about these other ads; let's face it, most of them suck anyway. Reply BT Box SP31.

Let's Go To Hawaii

Seeking travel companion to Waikiki probably second week of October at budget prices. Both of us are: over 35 non-smokers, big women (I'm over 200 lbs) or not fat-phobic, willing to spend some time alone & lots of time together. I know the island well and how to get us there at reasonable prices! Don't you deserve a great vacation? Call and let's talk. Call ★★3357.

Forecast: Warmth With Occasional Sizzle

Nice GWF, 30s, with deep sensual streak, energetic creative ambitions, wants to connect with same (late 20s to late 30s) who enjoys both athletic and intimate fun, for mutually stimulating friendship, poss relationship. I'm fun-loving & laugh often, but also have sensitive, generous nature. I love the spontaneous energy from a long, lingering kiss and whatever comes of it. I'm not thin, but have inspiring skill & stamina, love sports (softball, swimming, gym workouts, golf, etc.), music, motorcycles, outdoors. I work hard but have a strong play ethic, espec. with right companion(s). Predominantly "Butch in the streets, Femme in the sheets", I'm considerate, safe, even conservative at times, but want to explore sensual adventures. I value communication and respect: I'll show you mine if you show me yours. I live in SF, light drink/toke, midwest roots, CA dreams. No expectations, let's enjoy the moments! Reply BT Box SP32 or call ★★3358.

In 70 Words Or Less

Feisty. Bright. Politically liberal. Earthy. Spontaneous. Gracious when giving and when given to. Imaginative. Mischevious. Curious. Well-read. Passionate but not self-indulgent. Romantic but not maudlin. Practical. Generous. Spiritual. Healthy. Articulate. Respectful of history and tradition. International in outlook. Pleasantly rounded. Balance community with solitude. Enjoy films, jazz, bookstores, coffee houses, walking, conversation. Relate to Erotic Dance identity "3". Approximately 35-50. Sound familiar? Reply BT Box SP33 or call ★★3359.

Set Me Up

With your wonderful single friend who (like me) falls flat on her face when it comes to picking up gals at the bar or over zucchini and melons at Safeway. I'm charming, smart, emotionally together, have a sense of humor and a heart of gold. I like movies, eating at funky vegetarian restaurants, laughing uproariously with friends, taking early morning swims, musing on the Loch Ness Monster, traveling to just about anywhere. I'm 29, a midwestern transplant, Libra, am femme of center. I've got a life. You treat the people around you well, know how to take care of yourself. Coffee? Tea? Drop me a line or call. Reply BT Box SP34 or call ★★3360.

Gender Outlaw

I am a 31 year old, 5'8", 128 lb, soft butch, professional artist with strong competent hands, a sweet lean body and beautiful face. My transsexual process is an adventure, a gift, and one part of a very rich personhood. I am not confused; I am clearly, nearly home and seek an open-minded, compassionate girlfriend who appreciates the erotic-sexual healing potential of intimacy with a female-spirited boygirl being. My ideal partner would be slender, comfortable with emotional interplay, sharp-minded, quick-witted, a delight to the eye, irreverent, open to monogamy and non-smoking. She'd love dancing, talking, touching, lovemaking, pizza, my kitty and me. If I seem interesting but scary, take a chance; I'm very warm and so much more than these words. Call ★★3361.

In Search Of Play

Tall, androgynous, goofy writer seeks tall butchesque woman 20s-30s of honesty, wit and charm for brilliant converstation, bellylaughs, bondage, bananasplits, babel. I'm passionately creative, perceptive, well-traveled, clean & sober and looking for some theatre in my life—not melodrama, soap opera, or happily-ever-after, but good dialogue, timing, romance, slapstick and a touch o' the absurd. Go ahead—make me forget my lines. Reply BT Box SP35.

I've Got The Music In Me...

And I'm open to collaborating with other women singers, writers & musicians to bring it all out. GWF 36, with proven vocal/harmony/lyric writing talent seeks teamwork with composers and visionaries with interest in performance of original rock, blues, dance, folk and/or ballad work, even some comedy songs! I play basic guitar/keys but would gladly leave the instruments to true musicians to focus on lead vocals/harmony; willing to learn accompaniment & a quick study, I'm as comfortable in a studio as in front of an audience, have good rhythm & ear for arranging/production. Is there harmony between us? Let's find out! Reply BT Box SP36 or call ★★3362.

Let's Go

to livestock exhibitions. Let's smoke fake cigars and play Monopoly. Let's eat fruit cobbler and tell wild stories. Kind, bright, good-humored and down-to-earth lesbian turning 30 this month seeks gap-toothed Taurus, left-handed tree surgeon or what-have-you. You've spent time figuring out what you're about. You're probably more butch than not. Extra points for vegetarians and bad dancers. Reply BT Box SP37 or call ★★3363.

Help me finish celebrating my 50th year! The theatre has been my life. I also enjoy movies, musicals, operas and concerts. I like to read and talk, walk and dance. I'm looking for someone to share these pleasures with which could lead to a serious relationship. I'm a handsome professional woman, 5'8" with gorgeous gray hair, a big smile and a little bit of Massachusetts in my heart. I lead a healthy life though I'm allergic to smoke and cats. Reply BT Box SP38 or call ★★3364.

Nice Catholic Girl

Willing to burn in hell with the right woman. Smart, funny sober dyke, mid-30s, looking for intelligent, irreverent, clean and sober woman over 30 who's got some recovery, a little serenity, a lot of willingness and a major sense of fun. I'm attractive, honest, stable and mushy, but I smoke, drink coffee and don't work 9 to 5, so as penance I work out, eat my vegetables and attend lots of meetings. Playful, well-read and able to accommodate contradictions, I'm looking for the good girl who secretly thought Mary Magdelene was more fun before she met you-know-who. Reply BT Box SP39.

Sexy Young Professional

Looking for a monogamous, long term relationship that counts. I'm an attractive GWF (long blonde hair, 5'7", slim), an incurable romantic, young and full of life, who believes in trust, honesty and lots of fun in a relationship. My interests are widely varied but I especially enjoy nature, traveling (National Parks are my specialty), movies, dancing, long drives, quiet evenings, pillow fights, tickling, lots of snuggles, long slowww kisses, sex...get the idea? You're an attractive, intelligent GWF between 25-39, a non-smoker/substance user with similar interests ready for a serious relationship with someone to grow with and laugh with. Interested? Reply BT Box SP40 or call ★★3365.

Tennis Partner

Bold and/or beautiful partner (30s, 40s, 50s) sought for on/off court antics. Be fair, friendly and let's have fun. Reply BT Box SP41 or call ★★3366.

Witch Bitch Switch

Playing from the top-I'm seeking women of quality and substance. Lesbians only. S/M experienced. Self-loving. Any age or body type; butch or femme. I am an anti-racist, anti-looksist, pro-Jew, working class anarchist witch. I'm looking for friendship with other S/M witches—sexual and

We Asked SF Bay Times Voice Mail Users To Send Us Their Romantic Stories!

Here Are Some Actual, Untouched, True Accounts, Selected at Random from the Overwhelming Response to Our Appeal

Dear SF Bay Times,

How do you thank a newspaper for changing your life? From the first day my message ran on your well-organized and easy-to-use VOICE MAIL system I received a vast range of intriguing calls from some very special women! All of them fit my dream criteria, yet all were so different! Janice wined and dined me at the best restaurants in town... Sylvie loved opera and concerts...Beth and I took long walks on the beach, and sat for hours talking before a roaring fire.

Finally I made the tough decision, and picked Melissa as my life partner. She and I now live on her coastal estate in Sea Ranch. We've adopted two kids, and are co-authoring a novel. Many thanks Bay Times!

JOAN
AUGUST 1991 ADVERTISER

Dear Bay Times,

I must say I didn't expect a great deal when I decided to advertise on your VOICE MAIL system. I'm pretty picky about the guys I date, and I've never found the perfect man in many years of searching.

My message specified a 38-year old native Californian, 5' 11" to 6' tall, and weighing between 178 and 185 pounds. I like guys with just a certain amount of light brown chest hair above the nipples, and with a large shoe size. My dream guy needs to work out a bit, particularly on his triceps, but not be overly concerned with his physical appearance. I like economics majors, and I really need a guy with whom I can share my passion for playing the clarinet and speaking the native *argot* of the Fallopian Islands where my grandparents were born.

Believe it or not, at least ten guys like this answered my ad, and I'm dating seven of them! It works!

BOB GRUNDILTIGENFEDDERSEN

Dear Bay Times,

I never write letters like this, but my experience with your VOICE MAIL system has been so extraordinary that I welcome the chance to respond to your call for true romantic stories.

Was I shocked last May when one of my VOICE MAIL messages came from an internationally-known sports star I've admired for years! I'm afraid I can't name names for reasons of confidentiality, but she and I have lived it all since then!

We fell in love at once. For various reasons we had to keep our romance a secret, but her lover found out anyway (and is now suing her for damages). I wish I could shout our love out to the world, but all I can say is the SF Bay Times made this girl's dream come true.

NAME WITHHELD
ASPEN COLORADO

Dear SFBT,

I like to listen to your BROWSE feature of your VOICE MAIL, and one guy I heard really sounded interesting. I couldn't quite tell where he was coming from, but I left my name and he called me up the next day. He had a smooth sexy voice, and he said his name was John. What happened is unbelievable, but I swear it's true.

John picked me up at my apartment after work one Friday, and he was really something; tall, dark, handsome, and looking great behind the wheel of a custom-rebuilt Jaguar XKE convertable. Before I knew it, we were comfortably seated in the main cabin of his small Lear jet, heading to an island off Baja for a party. As we obsessively sipped Krug reserve, he charmed me with delightful anecdotes about his childhood, all the while maintaining a look of such intensity in his eyes that I could hardly keep my breath.

We deplaned into the humid night, where a waiting jeep carried us to a sprawling hacienda overlooking pounding surf. Men of unimaginable beauty lounged and laughed in every corner. The place seemed to have a hundred rooms, lavishly supplied with exotic foods and an infinite number of provocative characters. The steamy, magical night of passion seemed unending, and after a languid morning, John and I swam and played *Jai Alai* through the afternoon. The guys were back for an even more spectacular party on Saturday night and I barely remember the flight home and the lingering goodby at my apartment on Sunday.

Before he left, John pressed a package into my hands, which turned out to contain $100,000 in cash, tastefully bound in a Cartier wrist watch. Waving aside my protests, he insisted that the gift was important to him, and that he does this every month for each SF Bay Times VOICE MAIL guy he dates! Weird huh?

NICK SHELBI

Send Us Your Romantic Story But Remember: It Must Be True!!

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non-sexual. Plump, 40, clean and sober, femme, fun and hot! Reply Boxholder, Box 11, 2124 Kittredge, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★3367.

Telemark
If this word turns you on, I want to know more. What else inspires you? Me: creative work, enthusiasm, lots of books, mountains, travel, healthy food, oceans, strong bodies, compassion, generous humor, chocolate, love of friends, physical activity, red hair, social change, challenging ideas (left but not dogmatic). Oh yes, and skiing. I am 31 yo, an artist and cultural worker. I have a full life (almost) with room for more fun & adventure. Reply BT Box SP42.

Here's My List...
Creative, playful, loves hiking, nature (maybe even birding?), been in therapy(or some focused personal healing), spirited, 35 years or older. I am an artist which is my work as well. My personality is strong, but sweet (well, mostly), so I need friends who know themselves well. Reply BT Box SP43 or call ★★3368.

Let's Do Christmas-Marriage-Maui
I'mm an intense, nurturing, soft, sexual, compassionate woman yearning to celebrate the joy of relationship. I'm 47, look exotic, work as a nurse in the Castro, and have a passion for spirtual growth. I cherish intimacy, partnership, and am totally committed to resolving, not abandoning issues. Let's attract one another then evolve. Sleeping close and making love to sensual music a must. ★★3369

LifeSpark
Attractive, versatile woman (35) with spiritual worldview seeks emotionally evolved lover, 30s-50s, who is socially sophisticated, atheletic, and actively working on her dreams. Sparkling eyes, honesty, tenderness, strength. What inspires you? Please write. Reply BT Box SP44 or call ★★3370.

Telegraph Ave. Bldg.
with rainbow flag: you have queer and lesbian neighbors in the building behind you! Call and say hi to your neighbors at ★★3371.

Sensuous Intellectual
Independent author and maverick academician seeks grounded professional who likes herself and her work. We'll see films like Caravaggio, read novels like Nightwood, and listen to Faure and Madonna. We'll dance late, jump thoroughbreds and travel to Tangiers. I'm 5'4", weigh 128 lbs, am gentle and intense, brainy and beautiful, and stylish and streetwise. I hope you're between 45 and 60, strong, generous, funny, trim and ready for an exciting relationship with an equal. No cigarettes, drugs, or programmatic cliches. Thoughtful replies and photos (I'll return them) answered in kind. Reply BT Box SP45 or call ★★3372.

Emotionally Stable Woman Seeks Same
Attractive woman, 30 interested in meeting a woman who wants to share a very intimate and loving relationship. You are 28-36, and open to talking about yourself, your goals, or whatever's on your mind. I enjoy swimming, tennis, softball, sailing and walks on the beach, and open, honest, communication! Be straightforward, and take a chance. Reply BT Box SP46 or call ★★3373.

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SOCIALGROUPS

Queer Musicians
Needed to form original queer rock band with two homo guitarists/bassists/songwriters. Drummer especially needed but others encouraged to inquire. Recording project scheduled for fall-winter. Competent, creative individuals only, please! Call ★★3428

Female Crossdressers
Are you a woman who enjoys wearing men's clothing? If so, have we got a group for you. Female Crossdressers (F/X) is a group for women who are female crossdressers or are interested in exploring the possibility that they might be. Write to: PO Box 361925, Milpitas 95035 or call ★★3429.

We want to start a free couples network. Call us if you want to meet women in monogamous relationships that want to meet other women for support. The greatest gift that we could give is to let this love survive. Call ★★3430

East Bay S/M Group for Men
Anybody interested? Send SASE for information or leave address and interests on line. Newly forming—will provide a space to fulfill your fantasies, from vanilla to ??? Reply BT Box SP400 or call ★★3431.

Clean & Sober Single Girls Games Night
Women 30+ get together to play pictionary & other fun games—a safe way to meet each other. 7:00, Mondays in September. Call ★★3432 & leave your number for the address.

Going to Israel?
Or been there? Looking for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, Jews, non-Jews who've been to Israel and/or would like to go December 19 to January 7, give or take. I've never been, but would like to hook up with some people before-hand who are going, arrange a tour, or get input on hot queer spots and fun to-do's. I'm 24, gay and Jewish. And quite a nice guy. Call ★★3433.

Bi
BISEXUAL

Good Looking And Successful 38 Y.O.
bisexual man seeks attractive bisexual women to meet and perhaps date. Quirky sensibility and offbeat humor appreciated, as is traditional business success and appearance. Interested? Write 2215-R Market St, Box 442, SF 94114.

Female Crossdressers
Bisexual female crossdresser needed for panel for speaking engagement. Female crossdressers (F/X) is a group for women who are female crossdressers or are interested in exploring the possibility that they might be. Write to PO Box 361925, Milpitas 95063 or call ★★3411.

Lesbians Who
Sleep with men, or want to—Let it be me. Hot yet safe to be with politically incorrect feminist single gay (bi male, HIV – wants to explore our private passions together). My place, your limits OK. Also willing to process. Reply BT Box SP300.

Maid/Slave/Doll
Lovingly, sadistic dyke top and faggot-femme pet/toy seek playful relationship with fag-dyke, drag queen or other transgendered pervert. We need a submissive (masochistic?) domestic/house slave to serve us. You must be a decorative, twisted explorer of gender and truly willing to get the work done. Reply BT Box SP301 or call ★★3412.

Female Gorilla
Odd but true. I'm attracted to females who have very hairy bodies—arms, legs, thighs, stomach and who are fit, attractive, gentle and cultured. I'm an educated, down-to-earth, fit, lean, gym-toned, attractive, financially and professionally successful, moderate, 5'11', 170 lbs, bi white male. I'm relatively smooth and am told that I look good in shorts, jeans and more formal clothes. Letter, phone and photo reciprocated. POB 2053, Orinda 94563 or call ★★3413.

Bisexual
29 year old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV – Send let & photo to Reply BT Box SP302 or call ★★3414.

Couple Seeks Older Masculine Man
In love couple desires relaxing spiritual and sexual encounter. You are 5'10" or taller, 50 years or older, handsome, in good shape, hairy chest, well endowed and likely married or attached but looking for that perfect opportunity with another man and woman. We are a healthy, very attractive, professional couple. He is 6' tall, 47 years, she is a teen age 35. If you are certain you fit the criteria, good looking and healthy a must, and have been yearning for this fantasy, we would like to hear from you. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box SP303 or call ★★3415.

Lesbian Seeks GWM
No I'm not confused, for non-sexual romance, frolic and meeting of minds. I am 41, combination tweedy bookworm, music and theater lover, and outdoorsy explorer. Love GM company. Are you similar, between 40-50, intelligent and stable? Have good sense of humor? East Bay resident? Marriage possible, but my goal is Paris in the Spring. Reply BT Box SP304 or call ★★3416.

Gentle Bi-Sexual Woman Needed
We would like to develop a bi-sexual friendship. She is very shy and would like the relationship to grow into a gentle 3-way love. You should be over 35 years old—non-smoker—no drugs. We are over 35 yrs. We want to find a good friend who is discreet. Occupant, 400 Walnut St., Suite 212, Redwood City 94063 or call ★★3417.

Transvesdyke
Sexy W/M TV seeks girlfriend. Very sweet and giving, I want to feed on your femininity, submit to your superior intellect, borrow your clothing. Sexuality is a movable feast, so let's have dinner together and begin the adventure of a lifetime. Safe, clean, HIV –. Call ★★3418.

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M E N

Models Wanted
Young (18-23 years old), smooth students wanted for nude and semi-nude art for private collection. Inexperienced OK. I paint and sketch males nudes as a hobby, not a career. Prefer athletes, but not necessary. No art work will be shown or sold without the written permission of the model. Discretion a must. Students welcome. Send returnable photo to: Artist, PO Box 421 Monte Rio, 95462 or call ★★3439.

49er Fans
Masculine, bearded, straight acting, good looking, bi white male looking for bears or semi-bears to cuddle with while watching 49ers on TV or being discreet at Candlestick home games. I'm HIV –, clean, healthy, non-smoker. Get your ticket by sending facial photo and phone number to PO Box 722, Campbell, 95009.

East Bay
Attractive Asian, 30, 5'8", 145 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, HIV –. I'm a professional, straight-acting, caring and very affecitonate. Seek clean shaven GWM between 25-35 yo. Sports, outdoor activites and traveling are some of my interests. Photo and letter to BT Box SP70.

Permanent Partner
In Marin, a bright, masculine, goodlooking, HIV –, GWM, 47, has recently lost long-time partner to sudden illness. Among interests are: European travel, architecture, music (classical to Inxs), cars (classic to monster trucks), movies and good food. I have brown hair and beard, hazel eyes, 5'10", 160 lbs, good physical cond. and a sense of humor. I would like to meet someone my age or younger, non-smoker, who has also lost partner and understands the importance of a permanent, monogamous relationship and building a stable life together. Reply BT Box SP71 or call ★★3440.

Short Hunks Unlimited
Two GWM, both handsome/cute, 5'7", 145-50#, muscular and friendly, HIV+, seek other short muscular men/couples for hot, safe encounters and friendship. Photo requested and returned. Please write: Boxholder, 888 O'Farrell #E602, SF 94109 or call ★★3441.

Is There Life After
ads? Seek 25+ self-supporting, nurturing, height-weight proportional GM, any race, who keeps his word, shows up, sensitive, as partner, lover, friend; for self-discovery, mutuality, caring, playful, serious times. Honest, soulful; enjoy music, theatre, railroading, sailing, desert, beach, walking, home, massage, cats; Me: educator, peaceful, nurturing, playful GWM 5'9", 175, 52 young years, HIV –, muscular, salt/pepper beard/mustache. Call ★★3442.

Sophisticated, Dynamic, Romantic Seeks Similar
I am a sensual, warm, affectionate, nurturing, complex, traditional, urbane, well-travelled professional, educated in England. I am sexually versatile (safe sex only) and HIV –. I enjoy opera, ballet, theater, cinema, painting, architecture, history, mythology, music (mainly classical) literature, languages (mainly French and Italian), politics, dinner parties, gourmet cooking, horticulture, bridge, massage, swimming, walks in the countryside and travel—both local and international—from National Parks to National Galleries. I am 44, 5'8", a chunky 175 lbs (a recent Nautilus and Stairmaster addict) with brown hair, eyes and moustache. I have a wonderful circle of friends who find me supportive, amusing and entertaining, but I have not yet found that special companion. I am looking for a taller man, 28-50, in good physical condition, who shares some of my interests, for dating, sensual romantic evenings with a view to a long term relationship. You should be emotionally mature, capable of spiritual growth and financially stable. No heavy drinkers or smokers. Come, take a chance—and send me a recent photograph and a letter telling me about yourself. Reply BT Box SP72 or call ★★3443.

Athletes, Long-hairs, Asians and Europeans
Are most likely to catch my eye and inspire erotic fantasies. The self-induced reclusiveness is over. I'm a Berkeley resident, ripe for romantic adventures, but haven't had a regular lover in so long I'm not sure I still know what to do. Are you the playful, sensitive, sexually confident, HIV –, sensuous lover I need to patiently and experientially reeducate me? I'm very handsome, tall, European-American, blue-eyed, brown hair, 180, HIV –, almost 40, charismatic, articulate. Ultimately I want a committed relationship, but first need sensual, erotic play. Ideally you are athletic, young, slim, with a smooth firm body, a non-smoker, with massage-fluent hands and romance-fluent heart. Have I aroused your curiosity? Call ★★3444.

Looking For You In Solano County
I'm looking for someone in the Fairfield, Suisun, Vacaville, and Napa areas. I live in the country outside of Fairfield. I'm not really into the bars, but sometimes I do visit them. I'm 28 as of August 10th, 5'10", 155 lbs. My interests are camping in the mountians or on the beach, riding my bicycle or hiking, anything that has to do with outdoors. If you enjoy these activities and are somewhat of my proportion and 18-28, please reply to: PO Box 981, Suisun 94585.

We Celebrate Our Individuality
Hot GWM 34, 6', 160#, brn, hazel, with a great sense of humor into clubs, cafes, exploring the Bay Area, cuddling in front of Nick At Nite, adventure, art, romance, buddy stuff, sex and fun! Non-smoker/non-drinker, HIV – looking for guys 23-35 not afraid of commitment. Let's bring out the best in each other. Send picture. Reply BT Box SP73.

Bear Seeks Bear/Bear Seeks Bear
Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing/Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing/Do respond to: Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3445/Do respond to Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3445.

Asian Seeks Older
Goodlooking GAM, 43 years old, 5'6", slim, HIV –, sensitive, caring, mature, is looking for that older GWM for friendship/relationship. I'm interested in meeting a gentle, caring man, secure enough in himself to reach out to others. I appreciate non-smokers/drinker. I am quiet, nature lover and like music, movies, travel, cooking. No one-night stand. Letter/photo or xerox if possible. Reply BT Box SP74 or call ★★3446.

I'm Cramped
Bright-eyed, energetic, adventurous, super kinetic, young 40 rocker looking for artist, punk, radical queer, leather boy or all American JD. You're rebellious, 30s, under 6' and 170, have some grand scheme to make money which will probably never materialize, like to hang out but think disco beats are homo mind control, have lots of rotten attitude which is only skin deep, HIV+, pissed about it and reconsidering your independence. You'd like a sugar daddy but will settle for good rockin daddy who won't support you but will spring for tix and dinner in a budget deficit. You hate the mass culture but still get sentimental about home. You like to act up and dress up but can leave it behind to go camping or otherwise escape the gay ghetto and you can handle a complex, thinking, feeling, eclectic non-clone triple Gemini who's indecisive about almost everything except wanting to go steady. Call ★★3447.

Boy Wanted
for leather daddy, late 40s, in San Francisco. Must like to give good head and at least be flexible about B&D. One night stands OK, but a more permanent relationship is desired. Should be under 30 and slim. Daddy is slim, distinguished, attractive, salt & pepper hair, trim beard, and offers loving, caring, mature and disciplined affection. SF boys only. Sincere. No phone sex.Reply BT Box SP75 or call ★★3448.

Russian River Retreat
GWM, 33, 5'7", 165, br/br, Spanish/Italian descent, teacher. Strong body, slight mustache, and hairy chest. HIV –, light smoker, moderate drinker. I enjoy outdoor activities, fireside cuddling, massage, gardening, cooking, painting, beaches, photography, and other activities. Looking for younger, smooth, clean cut, HIV – professional or student. Light smoker, moderate drinker, and occasional pot OK, but no other drugs. PO Box 421 Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★3449.

Berkeley Beauty
Both physically and spiritually, although without a lover, all my other successes seem empty, my soul withers, and I remain touch-starved. Me: (Physically) striking classic face, Norwegian-Italian features, intense blue eyes, blondish-brown hair, 6' 180, HIV –, almost 40, (personally) enthusiastic, bright, energetic, nurturing, sensitive, genuine, honest, charismatic, articulate, professional, a global traveller (romantically) sensual massage, erotic playfulness, loving, intimate bonding, adventures, committed relationship. You: head-turner, athletic, slim, youthful, intelligent, smooth firm body, sexually confident, HIV –, financially secure, non-smoker, dog-lover, effervescent, lover of massage, intimacy-starved, passionate, playful, delicious, ready to partner. You and I together: romance, sparks, fire, union, euphoria. Call ★★3450.

Don't Call Me Queer!
Now that I've pissed off a lot of people with that headline, the rest of us can have a rational discussion. I'm 36, a recent NY-to-SF transplant (by choice). Politically left-of-center since high school, "out" since I graduated from college, supporter of and contributor to every "correct" cause you can name. But I detest the word "queer," don't like being told there's only one way to be gay, and consider separatism to be a mistake and a dead end. (Why, suddenly, is "assimilationist" a dirty word, when it describes most of the people who've fought for us for the last 20 years?) In other words, I'm an independent thinker, which these days makes me persona non grata in the community. Anybody out there feel the same? I'm also a masculine, "regular guy" (another minority in this community) with non-stereotypical interests. Masculinity is important to me—that's how I know I'm a homosexual: I like men. Not pretend men, not exaggerated parodies of men, just normal, everyday guys who are comfortable with their gayness. In other words, I'm not interested in queens but I don't want a closet case either. Avoided bars in NY and see no reason to hang out in them here. Looking for something genuine and lasting. Love music: Springsteen, Costello, Clint Black, Lyle Lovett, James Brown, KITS, KDIA. I work out, like to write (can't you tell?) and see lots and lots of movies. Your age is not crucial, but I relate best to guys within 4 or 5 years of me (a brain and a sense of humor would be nice too). Let me know I'm not alone out here. PO Box 471363, SF 94147 or call ★★3451.

In The East Bay
Cute, hot exotic looking passionate GBM, 5'11", 165, who is honest, sincere, semi-hairy, dynamite body, hung, seeks cute GWM, hung, brawny, stocky, muscular build, aggressive, easy-going, very masculine, hairy, romantic (dark hair, moustache a plus), 30s-40s for long, hot, safe, intense sex, friendship. Possible relationship. I enjoy quiet evenings, theatre, animals, movies, good conversation, sports, music. Please, no one-nighters, no flakcos. If interested, please reply with photo. Reply BT Box SP76 or call ★★3452.

Heart, Mind and Muscles
Highly intelligent bodybuilder with handsome Asian/Latin youthful features, professional career, educated mind, beautiful, smooth, defined, muscular physique, athletic grace, sunshine peronality, masculinity tempered by sentimentality and sensitivity, seeks strong passion, sensuous romance, noble friendship...enduring love. You should have similar but not necessarily identical qualities. Photo exchange before meeting? Letter/photo to: 584 Castro St., #204, SF 94114

Cut To The Chase
Handsome GWM, 40, 6'2", 205#, bl/br, HIV+ asymptomatic, healthy, gym and jog 5 times a week. Enjoy: entertaining in as well as dining out, Tuscany (Autumn), California coastline (anytime), classical/jazz/new age music, Ferry rides on the Bay, Angell Island hikes. Seeking: Man of similar interests or potential to share experiences with, both in and out of bed. Primarily a top, but versatile. My ad is succinct, so for further details call ★★3453.

Chubby Seeks Hairy Chaser
GWM, 29, 275 lbs (teddy bear type) HIV – seeks special man for friendship or relationship. I'm educated, fun loving. Have a wonderful sense of humor. Into romance, adore hugging, kissing and am sexually accommodating. Enjoy all types of music, movies and candlelight dinners. You 40 to 55, professional, hairy chest (to very hairy) HIV – with similar interests. Reply BT Box SP77 or call ★★3454.

Good Bottom
30yo, 5'9", 150 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes with great buns & hole for your man tool. 25-40 yrs. Call ★★3455.

The Joy Of Friendship
Do you yearn to find another loving, kind, warm, gentle, sensitive, affectionate, caring, easy-going, intelligent, well-balanced, goodlooking, understanding, fun friend with whom you can share some of life's special moments. So do I. You are GWM, HIV –, N/S, 30-45, sexy, masculine, attractive, romantic, fun loving, financially independent, willing to first be friends. I am all the above, 45 (look 39—really), 5'7", 125, goodlooking, slim, brown/blue, HIV –, computer professional. I could be that "best friend" you have longed for—could you be mine? Please reply with photo to: Boxholder, PO Box 210, Cupertino 95015-0210 or call ★★3456.

Creative, Balanced Musician
Pianist/accompanist, "born" teacher, composer, improviser, singer, infp/artist-type, reciprocates highest musical/interpersonal ideals. Music is my best friend, but I'm open to finding some worthy "competition." Important: Friendship (first), self-aware, intuitive, creative, balanced, not paranoid,

wise/mature, adaptable, thoughtful, caring, devoted, HIV–, traditional values, communicative, integrity, love of self/others/nature/beauty/animals, philosophical, honest. GWM, 43, 5'7", 125. POB 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★3457.

Breathing?

Walk unassisted? Good start! Now the hard part, are you GM 20-40, HIV–, cleanshaven, slim to average weight? I'm GWM, 53 (look much younger), 5'8", 145 lbs, brn/blue, gymtoned, cleanshaven, and handsome. I'm also classy, intelligent, college educated, witty, romantic, sexually versatile, HIV–, and a professional. I enjoy worldwide travel, restaurants, bicycling, movies, cultural events and time at home. I don't smoke or use drugs (you too). Interested? write with photo (returnable) Boxholder, PO Box 471552, SF 94147 or call ★★3458.

Beer Pot Party

Attr. WM, 56, 6', 165#, beard & tatts, masculine bottom, leather, fantastic deepthroat, GP, HIV–(SS OK) invites group (5-7) topcocks for beer pot (both provided) bust. W/S, round robin FF (put it in the hand that's in), S/M, B&D, CBTT, electro, etc., etc. Any age (pref. 40+), race, size. Topmen only. 1st 7 tops for Sept. 7. Please call 3459.

Seeking Snuggle Buddy?

Are you together in most aspects of your life, but seek someone with whom you can develop a mutually satisfying physical and emotional relationship? Someone to complement your life, but who also appreciates individual differences? Do you feel sex can be wonderful, but no substitute for intimacy, companionship, and spiritual bonding? Are you 35 to 47, over 6', average to somewhat husky, non-smoker, drug-free, and perhaps bearded and/or furry chested? Would a little romance enhance your life journey? Are you interested in dating a lover of life and God—friends and family, who is content to have just turned 40; is nearly 6'5"; weighs 240; has green eyes, brown hair, graying well-trimmed beard and moustache, and furry chest; is in excellent health; is a native Californian of European descent; and teaches computing by trade? Do you share with me several of the following interests: singing, listening to music and attending concerts (from Classical to new Age, Gregorian Chant to Country/Western), two-stepping, theater, working for a better society, spiritual growth, professional volunteerism, exploring The City, architectural preservation, weekend jaunts, walking, fine food, and sharing with friends? If you answered yes to these questions, shouldn't you send a letter and preferably a recent photo (returnable)? Reply BT Box SP78 or call ★★3460.

Seeking...

a special man to share my thoughts, feelings and body with—among other things. This WASP looking, 6'2", 200 lbs, 36 yo, mostly brn/bl, moustached, romantic is friendly, masculine, sensual (blushes when told he is handsome on occasion), with an infectious smile. He has an eclectic variety of interests, a strong need to be held hostage in your arms; craves the feelings from touching, kissing, caressing and holding you, and thankful for the ability to poke fun and laugh at himself and the world we live in. He tries to be aware, sensitive, responsive, supportive, intimate, honest, health-oriented and physically active with reasonable success, considering my one or two imperfections. Usually, though not always, find myself attracted to masculine, sensual, thicker bodied, questioning men, 30-45 yo, with memorable eyes and facial hair; who indulge in some to all of the above mentioned attributes (though I'm not necessarily seeking my "twin"). Ultimately for me, emotional avalability and well-being will prevail over any particular physical attributes or attraction. For further info. please write: Boxholder, 740A-14th St., #167, SF 94114.

Discriminating And Sophisticated

GWM, 50 years young, handsome, healthy (HIV–), 5'10", 155#, youthful, advance degreed, successful professional, financially secure and independent preppy, seeks a committed and permanent relationship with a quality professional (doctor or lawyer perhaps), under 40 with similar characteristics and the appearance of a "Brooks Brothers Man." Your heart and mind are as beautiful as your looks. I enjoy golf, skiing, squash, tennis, travel, light workouts, flying, fine arts, dining out or cooking in. Our time together would consist of a few quiet evenings at home (quality time) or perhaps dinner out before or after the symphony, and an occasional weekend flight in a private plane to a romantic retreat. If you desire a committed and lasting relationship with excitement as well as stability and want to love and be loved by one who has much to offer, respond with letter (photo). Reply BT Box SP79 or call ★★3461.

Energetic Man Seeks Mate

Cute, compassionate, friendly & funny WM 31 (6-2) with blue eyes and a medium build is interested in meeting clean cut men (without beard or mustache) 18/35 Y/O that enjoy hiking, biking, swimming, camping movies, live theater, or just quiet evenings at home. Please write to 347 Laurie Meadows Drive, Box #407, San Mateo 94403 or call ★★3462.

Non-Mainstream

Nice looking GWM, 5'8", 150. Long haired non-hippie with a sardonic sense of humor. Outgoing, cultured and rarely dull. At ease in all levels of society. Likes travel, dining, hiking and being a bit wild at times. I would like to meet a similar person for a relationship or friendship. I prefer someone in their 30s, attractive and sensitive. Photo and letter to: Boxholder, 519 Castro, Box 83, SF 94114.

Silky Smooth/Gentle Touch

Domestic Asian Male Cambodian. Young, healthy, attractive, silky, smooth body in need of room and board is seeking clean shaven, committed, attractive older biWM or GWM age 37-65, 5'10" or taller and 160 or heavier. Must be kind, caring and passionate lover, non-smoker, drug-user and HIV–. I am extra clean and health conscious, so are you. Reply BT Box SP80.

Mirror Image?

Seeking someone like myself—30s, 5'11", brown/blue, 175# plus or minus; HIV–; masculine—just a "regular guy." My interests include hiking, backpacking, bike riding, and just getting away! I seem to get along great with married men (straight or gay) for some unknown reason. I'm friendly, low key, trustworthy and brave! Write 3145 Geary #54, SF 94118 or call ★★3463.

Man With Muscular Hairy Legs

desired by very handsome, 6' blond. Negative, very fit and healthy, brainy, classy, sexy, artistic type seeks negative, very fit and healthy, brainy, confident, professional type who is excessively hairy below the waist, who loves getting head, getting licked, safe sex. This ad looks for a man who appreciates its fetish overtones, a man who responds to and wants a deep commitment. Call ★★3464.

If You Like to Watch, Be Watched

By short 5'5" guy, with nice hairy legs, ass, big dick. You: Any age, color, but must have hairy legs. Your photo or videotape get mine. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361.

Mid Peninsula Friends Wanted

Cute & cuddly, yet inexperienced 31 Y/O WM (6'2" 195 lbs) is looking for youthful (no beards or mustaches), yet responsible friend under the age of 25 to spend quality time with. My hobbies and interests include going to movies, plays, concerts, out to dinner, riding bikes, camping, hiking, plus nearly a billion other activities. If you are looking for a sensual, understanding and humorous person to pal around with and possibly settle down with, drop me a letter c/o 347 Laurie Meadows Dr., Box 407, San Mateo 94403 or call ★★3465.

For Hefty Men

GWM 55, 6' 170# seeks above to share a comffortable life. Interests: travel, skiing, bridge, piano and usual cultural events. Sexuality: HIV–, j/o, fr a/p, adequately equipped. Needs GWM who is independent, sociable, employed, HIV–, average to heavy build. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 255, 633 Post St. SF 94109.

Seeking Natural Son

I'm a sensitive, masculine man who doesn't resemble a paper-fantasy Dad. I'm seeking a quiet, masculine lifemate who's genuinely ready to settle down, live together and do more than just "explore the idea of" or "consider the possibility of" partnering in permanent monogamy. I have an interesting face, naturally slim (but not gym-toned) body and a 35-inch manly waist that reflects a balance between staying fit and enjoying what life has to offer. I'm mid-40s, educated, professional, over 6', 185#, cleanshaven, hung between 6 and 7 inches (cut), with short thinning/receding hair and hazel eyes. You're slim/lanky, pleasing to the eye, nonsmoking, and HIV–. Whatever your exact age or race, you're someone whose sense of emotional maturity and responsibility is an inherent part of your nature (although you've come to realize you may have unintentionally maxed out on self-sufficiency). You're able to communicate clearly and you know yourself well enough to agree that you'd thrive in a lifelong partnership that combines regular Dad/boy wholesomeness, a healthy scoop of hot kink and man-to-man understanding. Express yourself thoroughly in words and pictures. Reply BT Box SP81.

All American Boy

Seeking down to earth friend for fun, love and possible relationship. I'm 28, 160 lbs, 5'11", attractive, fit, down to earth, honest & HIV+. I enjoy biking, computers, all outdoor sports, excercise & lots of love. If you're 20-35, attractive (but of course beauty is in the eye of the beholder), fit, real and honest. Give me a try, this just might be it! Call ★★3466.

Live

We are both HIV+ and living life to the fullest. Laughing, crying, being real. You mostly enjoy being on top of me, weekends at my Russian River home, nights watching the stars, drinking champagne in our hot tub. I'm 37 GWM brown/blue 165 handsome, 7+ cut with a smooth butt. You are 30-40 HIV+, handsome, in shape, dark hair, professional, looking to share an exciting life. Let's live. Note, photo, phone # Reply BT Box SP82.

Variations

on sex and relationships sought by prospering artist with brilliant red hair, striking good looks, a terrific body, and blue blue eyes. I'm 31 yrs, 5'11", 165 lbs, directed, educated, compassionate, honest, temperamental, and looking to explore the theatrics of exhibitionism, bondage, leather with fuck buddies who possess a singular imagination, a knowledge in the arts, and a better than average body. Those interested should respond with explicit, handwritten letter and most recent photo (perhaps a self portrait), and I'll write back and include my latest work. Absolutely no drugs or drinking. Reply BT Box SP83.

Seeks Hairy Buddy

W/M, 44, tired of being without special buddy to share good and maybe not so good times with. This healthy HIV+ man is an enjoyer of simpler things like job, home, garden, flicks, fireplaces, Chinese food, honesty and masculinity that comes naturally. Looking for a similar soul who knows in his heart he is ready to share himself and is ready to explore a connection. Me: 6', 180, smooth, mustache. You: hairy (hopefully very), hopefully bearded (or some facial hair), short-haired, any age/ethnicity. Sexually we are negotiable, open-minded, willing to attempt to do what is needed, but definitely butt-oriented and temperate in all vices. We don't wear cologne. Let's talk. Occupant, PO Box 460595, SF 94146 or call ★★3467.

Older Man Wanted

I'm 36, 5'10", 155, HIV–, blond/blue, barely out of the closet, attractive, masculine, professional, athletic, fit, honest and discreet...and into older men. If you are between 50 and 60, very handsome, straight appearing, decidedly masculine but not Rambo, HIV–, fit, professional, down-to-earth, and look great in a suit then this could get interesting! (Returnable photo preferred.) Reply BT Box SP84.

Iconoclastic Advertising Executive

Very handsome 28 yo GM seeks man with pleasing looks, nice bod, frequent flyer miles, IQ into the 130s, his own tuxedo, nice shoes, and dead parents. A penchant for palindromes and sonnets a plus! I'll want you to watch my seat while I get us popcorn at the movies. Send photo and letter to Personal Ad, POB 422522, SF 94142 or call ★★3468.

Daddy Bottom

New place after fire, excuse hiatus. Attr. WM 56, 6', 165#, solid tatts C&B, buttocks to ahole, arm, back, piercings, deep butterfly subincision, HIV–(SS OK), deepthroat services topstuds into S/M, B&D, W/S, FF, CBTT, needlework, caths, sounds, dildoes, electro, no limits, you name it, we do it. Long sessions, any age (pref 40+), race, size, top singles, couples, groups. Smoke provided. Box 302, 1117 Geary, SF 94109 or call ★★3469.

GWM 25, 5'11", 185 lbs, blonde hair, green eyed. Good looking, healthy, athletic build. Honest, considerate, caring, shy and loving person. Enjoys sailing, water sports, cycling, reading and nature. Seeks sincere gay Asian or white male 35-50 for companionship and possible lasting relationship. Will reply to "all" inquiries. Reply BT Box SP85.

Gentle Hairy Apes And Bears

with thick, furry backs, chests, stomachs, legs, are desired by an attractive, lean, gym-toned, smooth, clean, safe bisexual WM, 5'11", 170, 40s. I'm straight-appearing and acting and am interested in classical music, movies, fitness, hiking, travel, dining, massage, theatre. Preferred age range is 30-45 but am flexible. Photo appreciated, reciprocated and returned. POB 2053, Orinda 94563 or Call ★★3470. Females also welcome.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs, seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like baseball biceps, pecs, veins, definition, armpits. Black and Asian muscles a plus. All narcissistic types in need of worship will get devoted attention. Also into watching an exhibitionist in gym gear, briefs, etc. work his bulging crotch. PO Box 426655, SF 94142.

How Long Is Your...

...ponytail? Longhaired, softspoken, strawberry blond, early 30s, cleanshaven, decent-looking, HIV–, 5'8", 155, with smiling green Irish eyes, wants a few new friends. I get a kick out of longhaired guys, value integrity and kindness, don't care for tobacco or selfishness. Varied interests, adventuresome, playful, contemplative. Give fabulous hot oil massage. Come over and get wet (swimming pool). Your beach or mine? Reply BT Box SP86 or call ★★3471.

If Monogamy Is A Fairytale Come True

Why are there so many guys in this paper in their thirties and forties still looking for it, or claiming to be? AIDS certainly isn't a reason. It doesn't endow us with the skills, temperament or willingness to maintain these relationships. It's a nice fantasy, worth trying, but research shows and everyone knows that sooner or later, no matter what, most gay couples start having outside intimacy. If you've reached the same understanding, why not consider friendship with someone like me? See "Tall, Attached, Seeks Romance" below.

Tall, Attached, Seeks Romance

GWM, 37, 6'4", 150, brown, partially bearded, HIV–, in-shape, imaginative, healthy-nutty, romantic, refined, masculine, intelligent but not stodgy, soft spoken, non-smoking, mostly vegetarian, artist, puppeteer, holiday collector, play piano, like cats, trees, Debussy, Stravinsky, Berg, working out, desires safe-sexual friendship (not primary-partnership) with one understanding or similarly attached man. Please be 30-46, non-smoking, HIV–, any race, height, but in-shape, with something in common with and appreciation for someone like me. Your academic or career accomplishments aren't important; character, sensitivity, communication is. See above ad. Respond, photo appreciated/returned. Reply BT Box SP87 or call ★★3472.

Mountain View Area

GWM 5'8", 165 lbs, 35, hairy, muscular build, brown hair, blue eyes, hung well, looking for buddies in the area who are very well hung & are muscular or in good shape. Send description, photo if available to PO Box 1004, Mountain View 94043-1004.

Healthy, Horny

Handsome man with a lean body and a big dick wants to "get into it" with other sexy/hunky guys. Me: 35, 5'11", 165 lbs, 9" cut. You: 25-45, in shape, verbal, top/versatile. Looking for regular sex play, vanilla to kink. Reply BT Box SP88 or call ★★3473.

Friends & Lovers

I'm a GWM, 41, 5'9", 140 lbs, HIV–, attractive, excellent health. I'm looking to meet an Asian guy to share a part of my life with. I like you for your traditional values, your integrity, your high standards, your kind and gentle nature, and of course your classic good looks. Together we might share common interests and enjoy each other's differences. Like me, you are emotionally and financially stable. I'm monogamous by nature and you should be, too. "Don't walk in front of me. I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me, and just be my friend." And maybe lover, too! Reply BT Box SP89 or call ★★3474.

Am I Naive

to think the right guy is out there? You may be the right guy if you're a 22-35 yr old GWM who is sincere, affectionate, honest, down to earth, with a good sense of humor, and is looking for a monogamous relationship. Me: GWM, 26, 6'2", 175#, handsome, shy, inexperienced, honest, straight acting/appearing, former midwesterner. Some of the things I enjoy include bicycling, movies, the outdoors, Star Trek, and the Simpsons. So prove I'm not naive and write with photo (optional) to Boxholder, PO Box 3562, Redwood City 94064.

Fat Bottoms Wanted

Let this 5'11" 195 lb good looking guy worship your fat body. The biger the better. Respond soon. Waiting for you, don't forget your picture. PO Box 21084, Oakland 94620.

Seeking A Relationship

Seriously seeking a relationship, I'm interested in meeting men who can talk about feelings, build trust, let intimacy grow. I can do these when the mutual commitment is there. I'm forty-ish, bearded, "bear" type, medium, height. I like dinner-and-movie dates, weekends away, light outdoorsiness, animals, travel, slow affectionate sex. You're a little younger, medium height, openly gay, non-smoker, any race, also relationship-oriented. Reply BT Box SP90 or call ★★3475.

Gentlemen

I would like to casually explore safe male intimacy with other men. Reply BT Box SP91.

I Admit It

Looks are important. For me, it starts with a moustache, kind eyes, nice build. Add mutual attraction, respect, desire, and below a calm exterior; this smouldering volcano will erupt into passion, romance, love. Qualities I respect are knowledge, compassion, ambition. I'm 28, 5'10", 150 lbs, br, bl, reddish moustache, attractive, intelligent, humorous, varied interests. You're an attractive mustachioed, WM seeking intimacy, not just sex. Interested? Call ★★3476.

Oral Sex Friend

Young looking, mature, discreet GAM 5'8", 148 lbs, early 40s with smooth athletic body seeks GWM with hairy, masculine body and friendly personality for oral sex. Please write w/photo to BT Box SP92 or call ★★3477.

Friendship, Trust, Passion

Hot, handsome GWM, HIV–, seeks special guy with whom to develop a committed relationship based on friendship, trust, and passion. About me: 5'7", 140 lbs, fair hair, blue eyes, moustache, trim, toned build, young early 40s. You: HIV–, attractive and trim, not too tall, 30s. Us: Intelligent, communicative, masculine, affectionate, very sensual and sexual (safe only) non-smokers/substance abusers. Our interests include the arts, movies, good food, quiet, romantic nights at home, keeping in shape, travel. Please write with phone/photo (returned). Reply BT Box SP93.

Body Piercings

Toys, tattoos, ball and assplay are all things that turn me on. If you're 25-45, in shape/muscled, and like sex that ranges from playful to rough, then please call or write. I'm 35, 5'11", 165, 9" cut; looking for a couple of buddies to play with regularly. Reply BT Box SP94 or call ★★3478.

Hot Bottoms This Is For You

Me: 5'10" 170 lbs, very attractive, financially secure, and have alot to offer. You: Hot bottom. Photo a must. PO Box 21084, Oakland 94620.

Catch Seeks Equal

Intelligent, well-educated, well-travelled, "nice guy" professional looking for an equal. I'm 33, 5'6", 145, handsome (French/Italian), brn/blue, in great shape, very nice body, and HIV–. I'm relatively quiet, easy-going, well-adjusted, and masculine. I enjoy travel, bike riding, beaches, foreign films, novels, classical music, and eating out/in. My friends all say I'm a "catch." If you are similar/compatible, within 5 years of my age, and HIV–, write me a note describing yourself and we'll take it from there. Photo appreciated, but not necessary. PO Box 31918, SF 94131 or call ★★3479.

Erotic Art Videomaker

Seeks models for an artistic project on exhibitionism and narcissism. I see the healthy male nude body as a creative expression of the inner mind. Let me explain how I think the process of recording you on video can reward us both with a natural release and a sense of accomplishment. Your identity need not be revealed on video. Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★3480.

Young, Hip & Disabled?

Progressive, sensitive, outdoorsy, health professional, 31, handsome, able-bodied, wants to meet spirited, active disabled man to share adventures and fun. Call ★★3481

Leftish GM 29

Seeks emotional/intellectual connection where the physical springs from the former. Most men that ask me out are too young, too yuppie, too conservative, too interested in (just) my body, and too inexperienced for sustainable intimacy. I'm bright, attractive, politically progressive, intellectual, physically fit, and ready for a man 26-32 who believes in social justice, feminism, and intimacy between men. Reply BT Box SP95 or call ★★3482.

Modern Man Seeks Big Hairy Blonde

6'2" 190 brn/grn GWM looking for x-large, x-hairy, balding blonde man 34-48, 190-250 for full service dating. You, like me, are prof., aggressive, masc, debauch and barely domesticated. Handsome. Sense of humor and self important, socially fit and built to handle tons of attention. Reply BT Box SP96 or call ★★3483.

40% Capricorn/60% Pisces Spiritual Seeker

38, 5'11", 150#, hazel eyes, reddish blond thinning hair, freckled, sometimes shy but playful artist with beautiful legs, tight ass and defined chest. I'm into fitness, bicycling, swimming, the outdoors, vegetarian food, art, opera, cats, wine with dinner, mild controlled substances, nudity, spirituality, enjoy intense times with lover, but needs periods of solitude with my art. Seeking a monogamous companion with humor, passion, honesty, sensitivity, maturity, trim, sexy body, 36-46 yo, non-smoker. Call ★★3484.

Top Needs Topping

43 yo, bearded, hairy, HIV–, attractive man has been viewed and played as top. Now I seek attractive, fit, HIV–top to turn the tables, bring out my bottom side—my way of experieincing all of life's pleasures. Into kink, leather, B&D and ready to explore it from the other side. I'm bottom sensitive and seek same. Call ★★3485.

Very Special

Outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous, powerful, assertive, but very warm, sensitive and loving mature HIV– Hastings Law student in wheelchair with slight speech impediment (like Christy Brown in "My Left Foot" but I don't look like him) invites a young, fun-loving, spiritual, athletic, sensitive, monogamous guy with a big heart and high self-esteem to share love and happiness. I am caring, tanned, handsome and fun to be with. If your life is together and you're not fearful of a wheelchair, you'll be more than happy with me. If possible, send picture and phone number. Thanks. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★3486.

Only Looking For One!

I'm 32, 5'9", 155 lbs. We're both GWM, HIV–, clean-cut, very masculine, educated business types, have all our own hair, active, ahtletic, goodlooking and financially secure. You share some of my interests in volleyball, tennis, scuba, hiking, fishing, camping, working out and draw-

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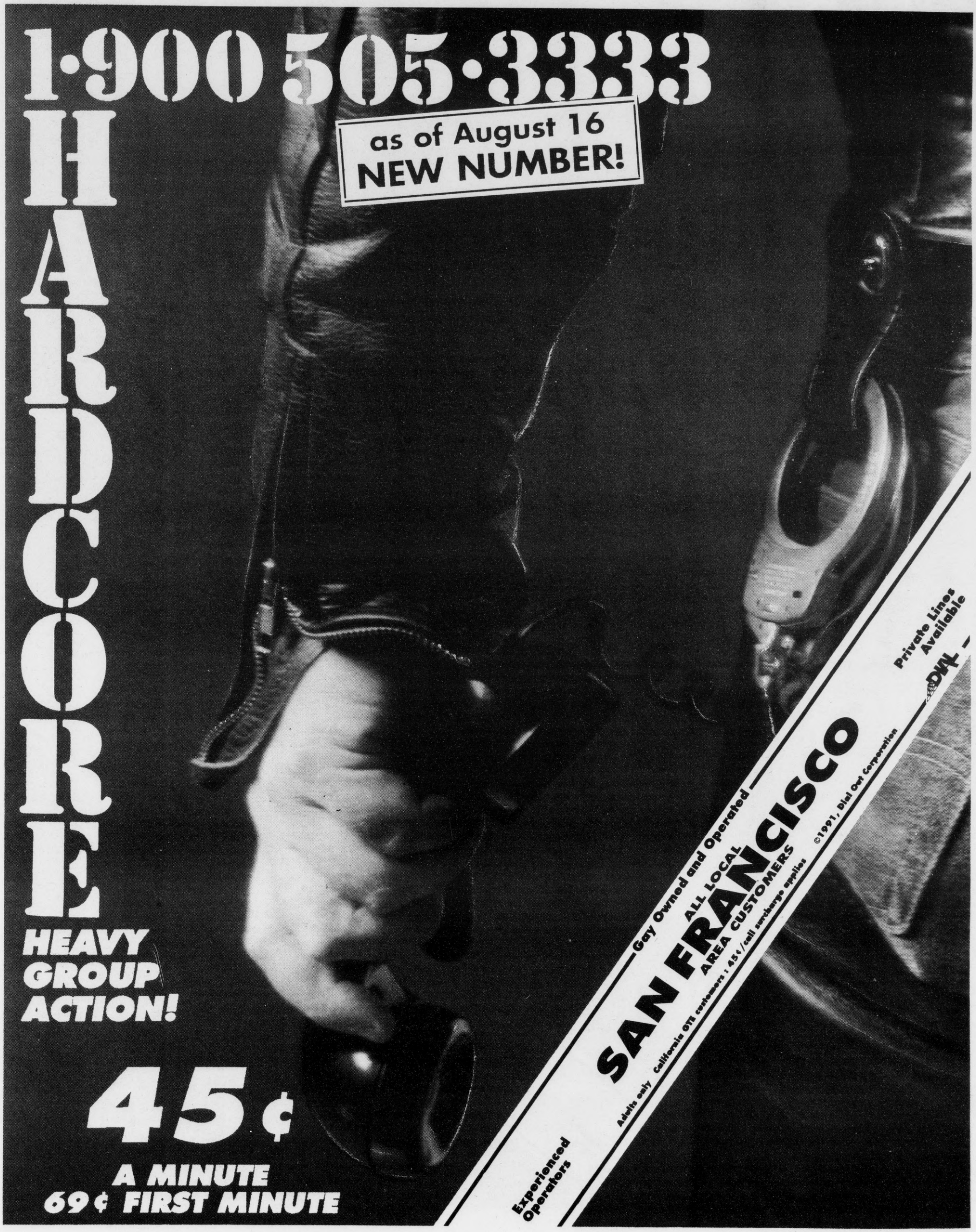
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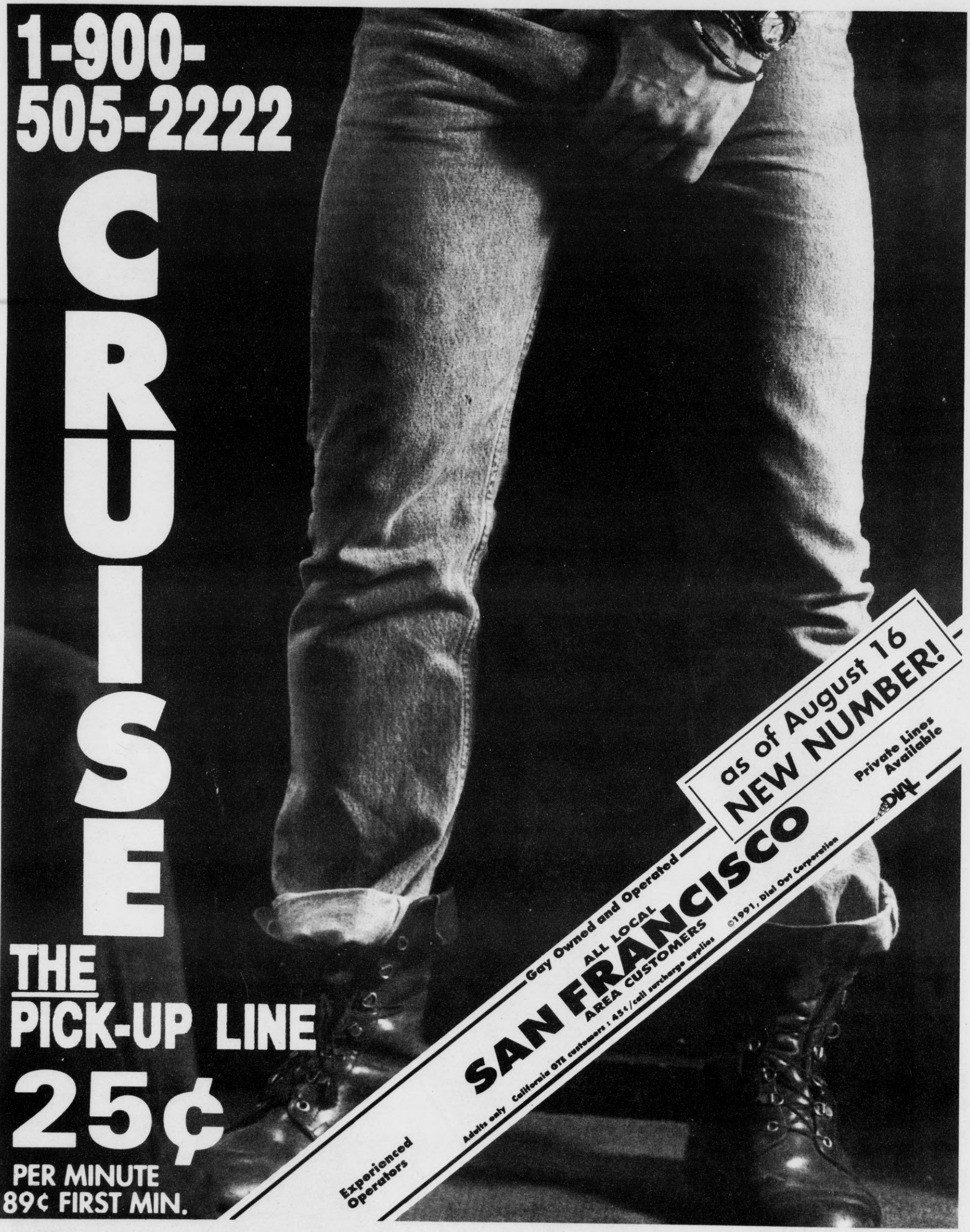
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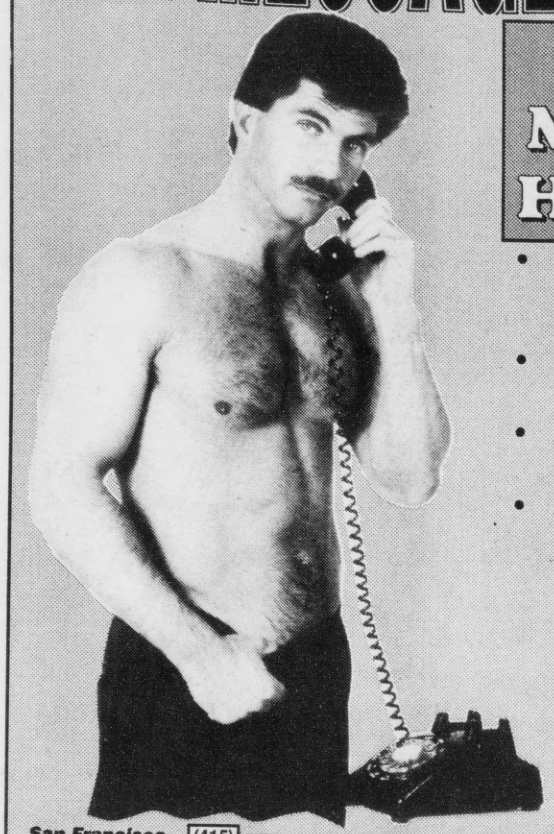

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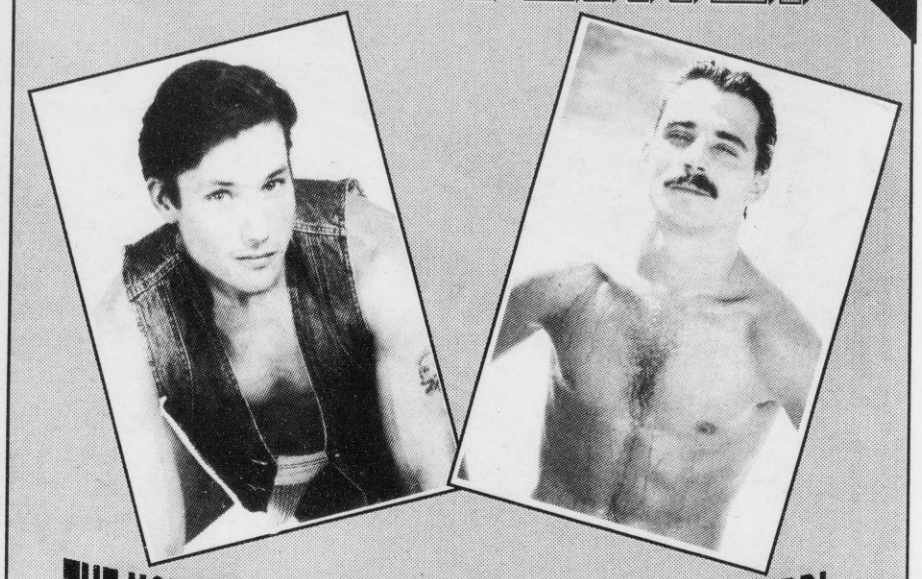

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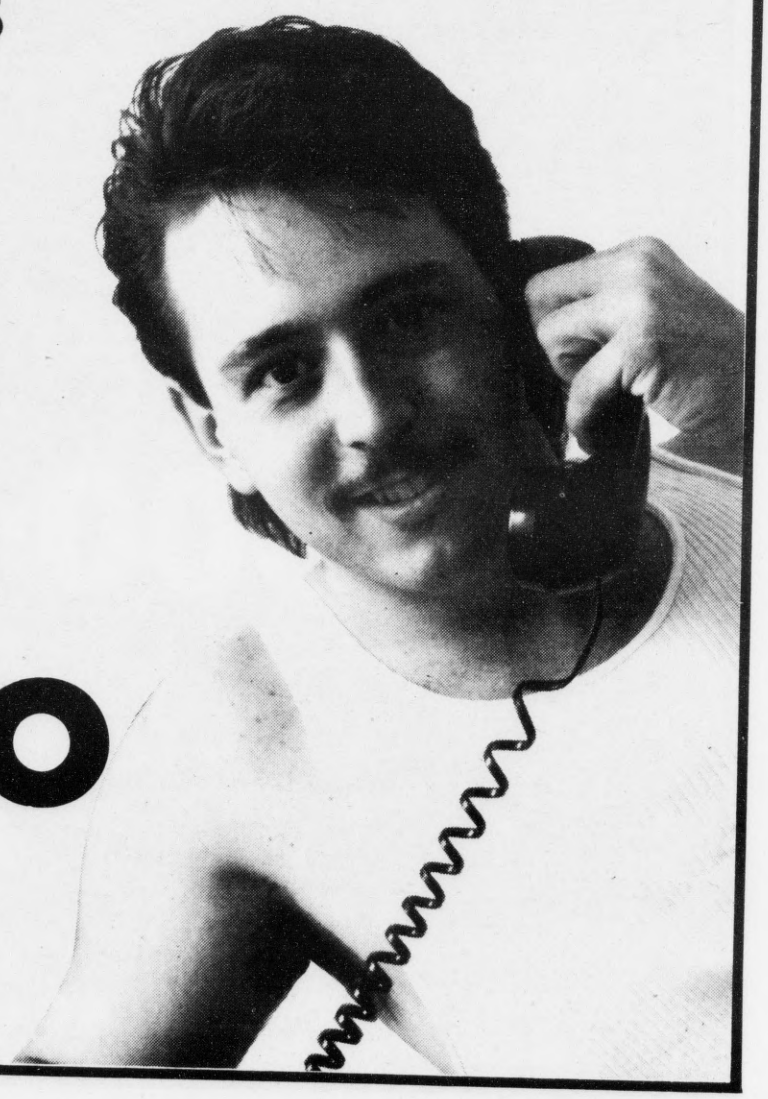

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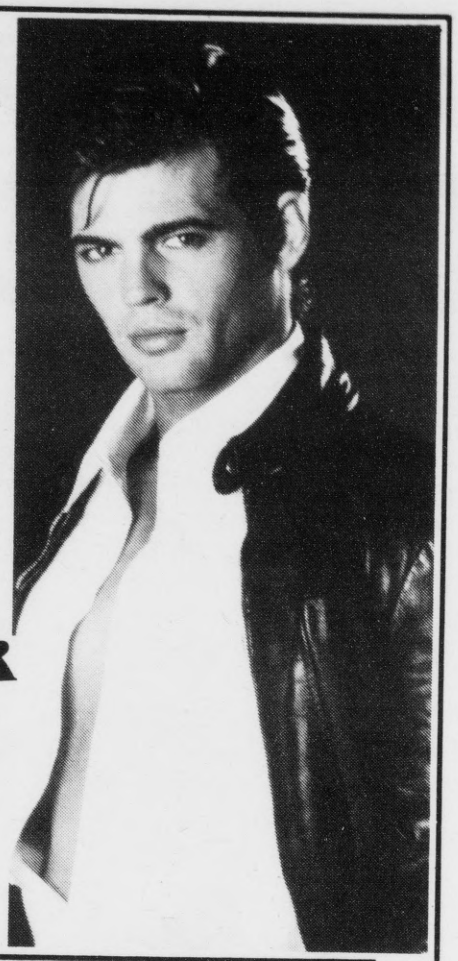

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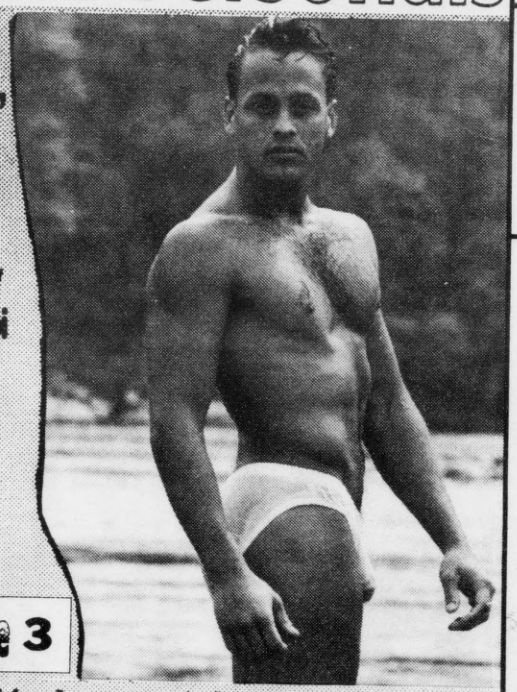

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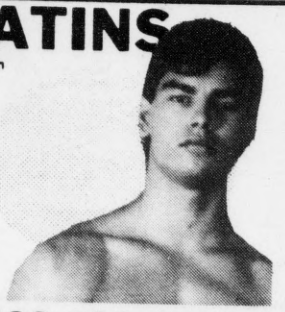

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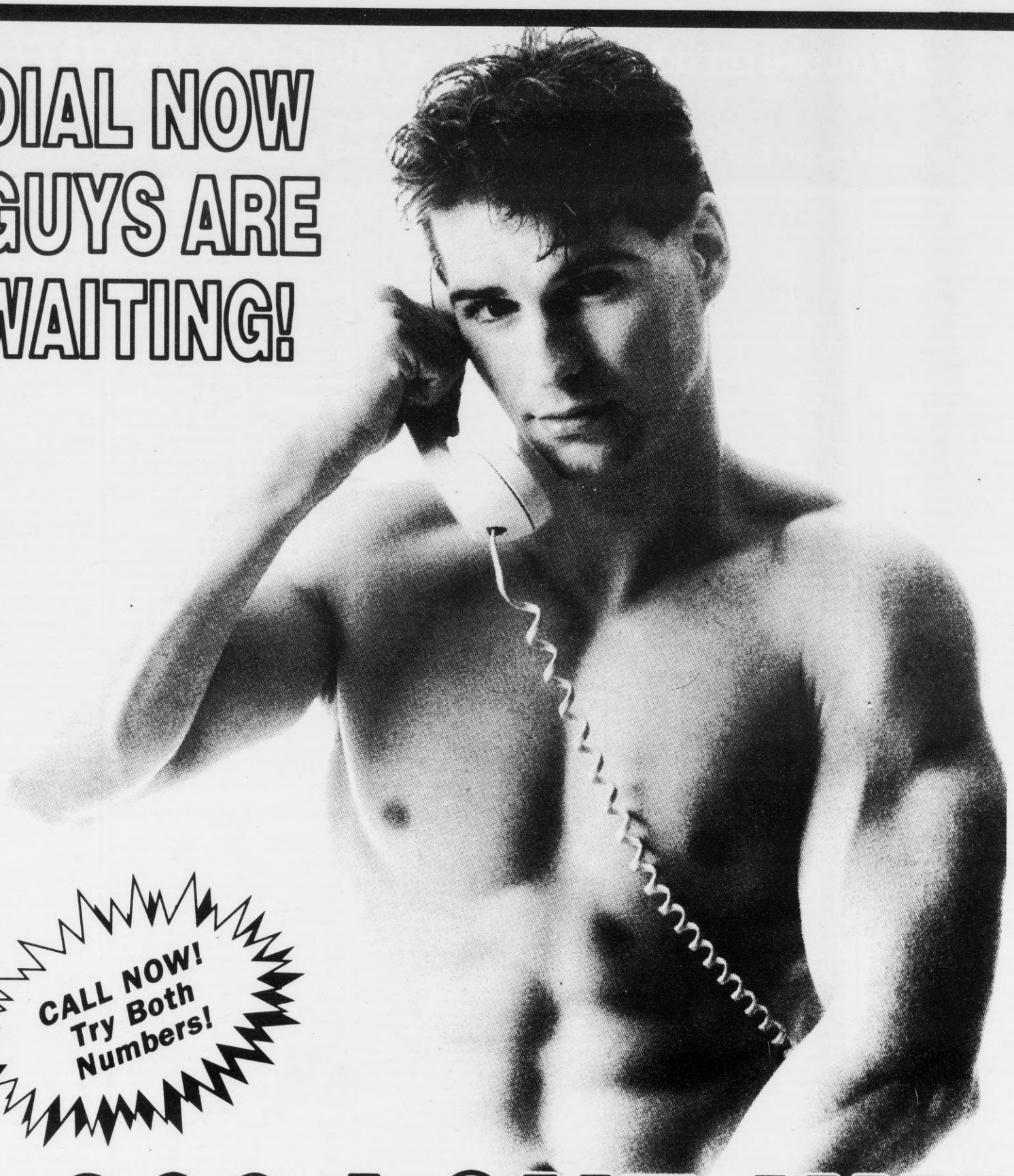

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Contra Costa/East Bay

Attractive GWM 30, would like to meet that special guy. I'm 5'9", 150 lbs, HIV – , with brown eyes, hair and moustache. I'm straight appearing and somewhat shy. I enjoy the outdoors, from hiking on Mt. Diablo to going to the beach; movies; music; quiet times and dancing with friends. You're younger to a few years older, stable, HIV – , attractive to someone, and don't smoke or use drugs. We both value honesty and believe in monogamy in a committed relationship. Let's meet and see what happens! Reply Boxholder, 273673, Concord 94527-3673 or call ★★3488.

You're Out There Somewhere

A sensitive, responsive, emotionally and physically available lean GWM (that's you.) Me: the same (except GAM), and I'm seeking you. I'm a non-smoker, HIV – , trim, 5'8", 135 lbs, and a yound spirited-serious to fun 41 yo professional. I hope we both value quality company, companionship, and perhaps intimacy with the right one. Please send photo (if possible/returnable) and note, please. POB 4702, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Blond Seeks Strawberry Blond Or Redhead

I'm 37, blond, attractive, smooth, solid, tan body, HIV – , live in East Bay. Seeks blond or redhead HIV – hairy chest, worked-out body for dating and cuddling and lots more. Let's have fun. Reply BT Box SP98 or call ★★3489.

Rescue Each Other

I am seeking financial support, a loving relationship, sexual servicing and TLC from an affluent HIV+ oral bottom who needs someone like me in his life. I am a boyishly handsome, very well hung white male who, at age 36, looks 26, is 6'1", 165 lbs, cleanshaven, trim, tan, with green eyes, brown hair, HIV+, healthy and loves to be orally serviced and jacked off. You may be envisioning having someone special in your life who cares about you and is hot, despite your seeming limitations of perhaps being older, having average looks, HIV status, not knowing how to meet someone, etc. I visualize having a good life and fun with someone like you despite my apparent limitations around supporting myself, being non-domestic (not a good cook, etc.) and having had a hard life. You are conscious, progressive, understanding. Please write to me about your needs and hopes if my ad strikes a chord with you. Reply Boxholder, 516 Frederick St., Box 27, SF 94117.

I know you cruise me in bars, but I am too shy to respond. Therefore and herewith this very goodlooking, muscular, hung and uncut European top, 32, 5'11", 165, seeks a bodybuilder (over 175 lbs) for long and repeated sessions of lovemaking. Like myself, you are very attractive, cleanshaven, not too hairy, non-smoker, HIV – , WM, around my age, substance free and a nice fun guy. Please write with picture (returned) to Reply BT Box SP99.

Now Where Did I Put That Ad?

I had it in my hand just a minute ago. Well, okay, so I'm absent-minded. I'm also happy, goodlooking, in good shape, 36, HIV – . I pick things up for other people when they drop them (what a guy!) and I floss. I find nearly everything in life interesting, so we're bound to hit it off—if only I could remember where I left your letter...Reply BT Box SP100 or call ★★3490.

Passive Guy

I'm a 43 year old WM, friendly, good sense of humor, disease-free but...alas, alas low sex energy. I'd like a young guy as a J/O buddy. Also I'd like to watch two young guys get it on. I like 18-30 year old thin, smooth guys. POB 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★3491.

Loneliness and Silence

Envelopes a heart, that beats like thunder. All the love I have inside, is ripping me asunder. The city is a jungle of pain, but my love is from the soul! So be so kind as to answer this ad, and you can ride on my pole...Boxholder, PO Box 7849, Stanford 94062 or call ★★3492.

Open & Honest?

GWM, 32 yo, 6', 175 lbs, blonde/hazel, HIV – , handsome, fun-loving, compassionate, who enjoys movies, theatre, music & even TV. I also enjoy hiking, camping, spending long weekends together. I'm looking to meet a potential significant other who is willing to take a chance to be open, honest & real. Someone who knows that it takes time & work & that love at first sight happens mostly in fairytales. Put yourself out there & take a chance. Who knows? Write Boxholder, PO Box 10534, Oakland 94610-0534 or call ★★3493.

Boy Slave Sought

By salt and pepper bearded, 40 yo Master with good body and commanding spirit. You: 30+, HIV – , attractive, sober, active in bed with submissive temperament. Despite/because of my delivery of what some would consider abuse and humiliation, my intelligent boy-slave knows he is held in high regard. Reply with returnable photo to BT Box SP101.

Friendship First

GWM, 30, wants to meet another GWM who believes a relationship should begin with friendship first. I'm attractive, 5'9", 150 lbs, HIV – , with brown eyes, hair, and moustache. I'm cleancut, masculine, somewhat shy, with a Christian background. I enjoy the outdoors, movies, music, reading, dancing and quiet times. You're around my age, HIV – , stable, believe in honesty and monogamy and don't use drugs or smoke. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★3494.

Living In Zen

Artist 39, very healthy—seeks a natural buddy to share the rhythm and flow of life combined with the magic of a supportive relationship. I have a true sense of excitement about new experiences when shared with a young man who has an openness to the energy of creative expression. Let's simplify our world and get back to the basics. Reply Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★3495.

Relationship

Seeking sane relationship with intelligent, outspoken, free-thinker. Let's build on versatile hot sex with muted role-playing, mutual respect and concern, dependability, trust. Me: 6'1", early 30s, nice bod, but no gymnast. Happy, healthy HIV+, safe. Part-time AIDS/Community activist. Enjoy anything that holds my attention. Crave variety, sensual experience. Need, want stable influence of steady lover. You too? Call ★★3496.

Hope It's Not Too Late

To Date? This young looking East Bay ex-Navy man seeks interesting HIV – guy for dating. Age and body-type are unimportant if weight is proportionate to height. I am fit, presentable, 51, and HIV – . Sincere respondents will be eagerly pursued. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 461, San Leandro 94577 or call ★★3497.

Mature, Relationship Oriented Man

Tall, masculine, silver-haired/grey eyes GWM, 59 (had a birthday since last month), 6'2", 165 with a trim build (thanks to workouts 4-5 times each week). hairy chested, nicely endowed and HIV – wants to meet an upbeat, loving, monogamous man of any race, 5'8" or taller with proportionate build and an easy-going personality who is a non-smoker. Age is flexible, but if you are younger, please be stable, mature and ready for a partnership of equals. If you are in your 50s like me, please be active, energetic and physically fit like me. Prefer a man who is versatilve, affectionate, romantic and sensual. I offer integrity, good humor, honesty, punctuality, and dependability. I appreciate a man with an optimistic, good-natured personality and the capacity to fully enjoy the good times of life. Interests you'd need to share (or tolerate) are travel, cards, hiking, reading, theatre, music and entertaining friends at home. Reply BT Box SP102 or call ★★3498.

Yuppie Bottom Seeks Yuppie Top

GWM, grad student, 26, 6'0", 200, hairy chest. Career oriented, success minded, personable, outgoing and honest, enjoy arts, outdoors, travel & conversation. Seeking GWM top 25-35, hairy chest, masculine, with similar interests. Looking for long term relationship, but would also like to make new friends. Reply BT Box SP103 or call ★★3499.

Good Guy

GWM, 37, 6'2", thin, average looks, recent law school grad, scholarly, shy, gentle. Varied interests include hiking, moviegoing, classical music and discussions about politics, literature and sports. Seeking someone between 25-45 who doesn't necessarily have all or any of the above interests. Please reply with a short letter. Include your phone number and photo. Reply BT Box SP104 or call ★★3500.

Frustrated?

GWM, 27, 6'1", 160 lbs, handsome. I want to meet a man who won't run away after sex. A man who desires honesty and communication, and practices same. Doesn't mind being pursued, make partner feel the same. Don't have all the answers, but welcome the chance to grow. You are GWM 30-45, 5'10" or taller, in shape and tolerate nicotine. Hairy? Interested? Reply with photo and a little about yourself. Reply BT Box SP105.

Relationship

I'm ready for a relationship with an intelligent, kind and attractive guy. I am Jewish, non-religious, 30, 6'4", 200 lbs. and a student at Berkeley. Have been told I'm handsome. I tend to be shy, sensitive and somewhat quiet, but can open up with the right person. My interests include film, music, literature and Russian. You should also be single, interested in starting a monogamous relationship and be HIV – . Dislikes: excessive alcohol, drugs and cigarette smoking. Look forward to hearing from you. (A returnable photo is helpful.) Reply BT Box SP106 or call ★★3501.

Practicing Emotional Availability

is difficult when there's no one to practice with! GWM, 39, look 29, 5'9", Brn, Brn, slender, mustch., hung, sincere, positive, emotionally recovering from dysfunctional relationships as well as drugs & alcohol. Would like to date people my age (pref. yngr.) for eventual intimacy. Looking for people working on their selves and their inner child and compassion. I'm sexually versatile and have many interests. Let's meet and/or talk. Reply BT Box SP107 or call ★★3502.

Stop! In The Name Of Love

Are you wondering if there are still some nice guys who aren't afraid of their emotions/intimacy around? Well, I'm here, so there must be some others. Maybe this ad will help me find them. Let's start now. GBM, 37, good body, 6', good hearted, tender, sexy, sensual, romantic, smart and balanced is looking for a man (or men) to do fun things with (and if I don't know the fun things you like to do, introduce me to them. Maybe I need to learn something new). My interests include music, philosophical discussions, reading, traveling and spoiling the men in my life (but you gotta stick around first!). Sexually (I suppose this is helpful, but...) I like to play with guys with sensitive nipples and who like to kiss (it is a forgotten art form, believe me!). I've always found nice hands to be a turn on, as well as long hair. These are, of course, just guidelines, not the last word. It's always best when the heart is engaged as well as the body. Oh,I do find beefy guys attractive, but as I am pretty well put together myself, it ain't that big a deal. You should be in some kinda decent shape, but I'd be hard pressed to much more articulate than that. Ages 25-40, colors: All, should feel encouraged to respond. As far as my health is concerned, I'm HIV – . You don't have to be: We'll be safe with each other. I'm, in that vein, neither bottom nor top, but definitely able to enjoy whatever comes up. We could work this out, easily, unless you have a distinct preference. Just be affectionate (with me), passionate, and a nice person. Too many other requirements seem to fall away when you really like someone, you know? So why go any further? I do wish to ask (sigh) for a picture, preferably one not drawn by a 6 year old (I have one, and her art does not do me justice, unless you think looking like a poorly drawn Dracula is flattering. I think I pass muster just a bit better than her talents—at present). Time may change that. Anyway, if you're a shy type, so much the better. I like to protect a man (if he wants it that way. If not...) when he's with me. I think I would have made a good knight (except they were never cross). Oh, and I Still cry at happy endings. Don't change that one thing about me, and we'll get along fine. I can't make any promises to strangers, but one thing is certain: I won't trample on your feelings. Ever. Write, please. I have much affection to share with you. A bientot. Reply BT Box SP108 or call ★★3503.

Deadheads, Rainbow Family

Turned off by the lockstep conformity (and dreadful music) of the mainstream gay scene? This tall, thin, inshape, intellectual longhaired mid-forties veteran of Big Sur, lotsa drugs, the sixties, the streets, and even some success wants to be your idealistic hippy uncle and enourage you to follow your own rainbow through our uniformity—crazed world. We'll also smoke and squirt together. Reply Boxholder, Box 170217, SF 94117 or call ★★3504.

Complex And Uncategorized

Good-looking, in-shape bottom (GP/FA), HIV – , freelance professional, 38, seeks open hearted, open minded, HIV – top with eclectic urban tastes. Can you appreciate both Haight Street and Palo Alto, opera and horror movies, grub and high tea, sensual kisses and rough sex? Do you have tolerance for someone else in your life? Time? My legs go up for creative, provocative thinkers, dressers. Reply BT Box SP109 or call ★★3505.

GAM Seeks Friends

GAM, 30, 5'5", 147, would like to meet other gay Asians for friendship. Write with phone/photo to: 1635 Scenic Ave., #6, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★3506.

Friend Wanted

Asian male seeks men for friendship. I like all kinds of men from quiet to wild or from younger to mature. Have varied interests and would like some new experiences too. I'm 39, 5'9", 175# and a snuggler. Reply BT Box SP110 or call ★★3507.

Bed Me

Good looking 32 yr old HIV – W/M, seeks dominant, yet gentle man of any race to strip me and lead the way. Hold me in your arms or put me over your knee, feed me, let me taste you. I like to be shaved, bathed, poked in the fanny and to make you feel great. Tell me what our first weekend together might be like. Reply BT Box SP111 or call ★★3508.

HIV+ GWM, 30-ish

Small, spunky, sexy. Inspired, involved, intuitive, intelligent, fit, fearless, feisty. Trim and gymgoned. Write me a letter, call me on the phone. Traveller and homebody seeks healthy, open man with good sense of humor. Mutual nurturing and emotional support a goal. Bonus points for good cooking and affectionate guys. Photo please. Reply BT Box SP112 or call ★★3509.

Work Evenings

Am looking for someone, 30-45, who would like to date during the day and possible relationship. I am 39, 6', 190 lbs, fit, blonde/blue & HIV – . I enjoy films, long walks, good food, the beach aerobics & travel. Am alcohol & drug free. Communication and sense of humor are very important. Like safe and passionate sex with lots of kissing, hugging & touching. How about a date? Reply BT Box SP113 or call ★★3510.

Masculine Italian

GWM, 6'2", dark hair and eyes. Youthful 40s. Husky build with hairy chest and mustache. considered good looking and straight appearing. Healthy HIV+, successful. Don't use alcohol or drugs but I smoke. Enjoy many interests including gardening, carpentry, traveling, dining out, movies and good friendships. Am attracted to younger, masculine men who are slim, on the quiet side and possess a positive attitude. Send photo and phone number to: Boxholder, 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, Suite 120, Walnut Creek 94596-2228.

Sit On It

While I nibble your nipples and caress your smooth firm flesh, and make you scream in wild ecstascy. Later we can watch a video or go out to dinner. I am a sexy, hairy Arab, 40, HIV – , with a gym toned body waiting for your hot ass. If you are younger than me, slim, alive, with a secret wild side and a sense of humor, write now! Asians/Latins specially invited. Reply BT Box SP114.

Eastern Thinker (Not Buddhist) Seeks Date or Mate

31 yo physician, attractive, intelligent, healthy, 5'9" 145 lbs, NYC born and bred, shamelessly Eurocentric, wishes to meet/date other career-oriented attractive men 25-40 who are not enamored of the conformist facades of San Francisco A-Gay culture or New Age fantastical thinking, but who are impassioned by their work or personal interests. Mine include classical music, both listening to opera, chamber music, lieder and playing the piano, foreign languages and films, and staying in shape with frequent runs in Golden Gate Park. Reply BT Box SP115.

Seeking Friendship

Youns Asian, 21, 5'6", 135, Cal-Berkeley graduate, enjoys dancing in clubs, but have found it somehwhat difficult to meet people in that environment. I also enjoy swimming, biking, reading, movies, conversation or simply hanging out with friends. I hope to meet people around my age with similar interests to hang out together. I do not carry any expectation, and neither do you. Please let me hear from you! Call ★★3511.

Cute Jewish Redhead

Recent AIDS widower after a 7-year partnership, ready to begin again and looking for the right man to share a lasting commited relationship. I'm HIV – , 34, 5'6", 165 lbs, warm, intelligent and funny. Among my diverse interests: theater, travel, Giants' games, long walks, hiking, and eclectic musical tastes (from opera to Dolly Parton). You are a man who has a passion for life, new adventures and has a good sense of humor. Being HIV – , affectionate, sensitive, emotionally stable, insightful, and sexually versatile are essential. Searching for the right sweatheart to cuddle up with? Reply BT Box SP116 or call ★★3512.

Books, Beaches, Nature

Looking for someone to share these, and more, with. I'm GWM, 43, 5'11", 145, HIV – , want to devote less time to intense job, and more to friends, partner. Also value kindness, openness, day trips, theater, music and kids. Looking for parrtner or new friends 30-50. I can be outgoing, shy, romantic, cynical, professional, offbeat—sometimes all at once. Out of practice dating, but eager to relearn the dance. Intrigued by Asian men, but by no means exclusively. Reply BT Box SP117 or call ★★3513.

Simple yet Dynamically Alive

A 6', 185 lb, 40, bearded, handsome, muscular man seeks inner peace and expanding consciousness awareness beyond all the stuff of life. A big (height/weight), hairy, masculine dude on a similar journey to join forces, truly is a gift that helps evolve partnerships for us all. Being fully human while going beyond takes a warrior stance that men know well. I don't know how this manifests day-to-day. That's why this ad. Reply BT Box SP118 or call ★★3514.

That Mind/Body Problem

My brain enjoys film, photography, absurdity, making art, lefty politics, reading several books concurrently, cafe conversations, sex. My body loves biking, the outdoors, hiking, exercise, sex. I despise shopping, cologne, attitude, gossip. I'm proof that not all intellectuals are nerdly, scrawny or fat. Good lookin', 34, 5'11", 165 lbs, I'm looking to meet men who can think, sweat during sex, converse in full sentences, and are wise iconoclasts. Respond if you're over 30, cigarett tolerant, smart, whatever. Reply BT Box SP119 or call ★★3515.

Long Hair And Pecs

...turn me on (so I've cultivated them both). I'm 6'2", 165, moderately gymmed, late forties and affectionately top-ish. Impressive looking, I'm hardly cute, and am most comfortable in environments other than consensus reality, conformity and the Castro. I converse passionately about Jung, Radical Psychiatry, serious astrology, and how a life lived on principles might positively contribute to America's messy and mindless present. If you're somewhat younger, thin or muscular, kind of an activist and/or nonconformist, with gentle but joyful sexual appetites; if you talk about your feelings and ideas, and relate honestly; and especially if you have long hair and a mind to match—maybe we can share affection, recreate the universe, and have fun in bed. Box 170217, SF 94117 or call ★★3516.

Me For You And You For Me

For those who don't get it, let's try this One More Time. This is your heart. This is your heart on emotional deprivation (loneliness). This is your heart on deprivation and on the brink of giving up hope (despair). Any questions?? Okay. 6', dark (well, cafe au lait) man, very nicely built, good manners, warm in body and soul, good sense of humour and still romantic (despite attempts to change me into a jaded fool). In completely good health and sometimes young at heart (playful), I spend my time listening to music (classical to Jane's Addiction), dancing (Stud, Box, Pleasuredome when desperate), reading and the other "normal" things. Of course, whatever interests you would interest me. It would be hard to get to know each other without such an exchange. Obviously I would like to meet a well-balanced man who is attractive to me, and vise versa. Guys up to somewhere around 45 (I'm 41) are welcome, as are men around 28 or so. Don't have a "body" type, just want someone I'd like to put my arms around and attach my lips to. As long as that works, the rest of it should fall into place. You should be sensual (translation: somewhat touchy and affectionate in and out of bed, preferably with me!), passionate when aroused (yeah!!), and if you have long hair and sensitive nipples (that's pretty safe), that's just fine with me. I have a strong personality/character, but am not limited in where I am in or out of bed. I want a partner, not a role. The one thing that is important to me it that you have a strong respect for your fellow man. It is extremely difficult for me to overlook any discriminatory biases. Make that impossible. I do find a great compatibility with certain astrological signs such as: Cancer, Taurus, Pisces, Scorpio and Leo men, but then, I did study astrology for a while. Maybe you'll be something other than one of these and quite wonderful. If you don't believe in it, so what? I'll send you a photo if you send me one, so's there are no surprises when we meet. Beauty is extremely personal and I don't want you to be disappointed, you fine, sweet guy (whoever you are!). And if you'll let me, maybe we'll achieve the best thing of all: a lasting friendship...Oh, I forgot, it's okay with me whatever your HIV status is, I'm HIV –). Some of the nicest men I've met who appreciate the beauty of living are the ones who are most aware of its fleeting nature. It ain't guaranteed even if you're healthy. Let's make it nice while it lasts. Reply BT Box SP120 or call ★★3517.

Asian Seeking...

GAM, 35, 6'0", 170 lbs, attractive, college-educated, health and fitness conscious, HIV – , seeks masculine GWM, mid-20s to mid-30s for dating, friendship and possible relationship. Attracted to good-looking, clean-cut, physically-fit men who are down-to-earth, sincere, honest and confident, but also fun, humorous, sensuous and affectionate. Enjoy quiet romantic evenings, dining out, movies, weekend trips, travel, cuddling, massage, sharing affection, gym workouts, and outdoor activities such as bicycling and skiing. Prefer non-smoker. Letter with photo (returned) and phone number appreciated. Reply BT Box SP121 or call ★★3518.

Helping Hints #4021

There's no war like a cold war—That's the shoulder you've given him. And just because he's a callous bum who typically sleeps around and doesn't bring home the bacon (just stray cats and the clap), you feel justified in your newly discovered ability to deny him his conjugal right

to your person. If only est were still around, then you'd put him in his place! Call ★★3519.

Together

I'm looking for feminine, girlish type who likes to be dominated. Me: Black, dark brown, stocky build, 175 lbs, 27 yo. You: non-smoker, caring, loveable, clean, sense of humor, stable as well as fun. Please no drugs. You must be able to satisfy my every need. Reply Boxholder, Box 3067, Berkeley 94703.

Handsome, Hopeful Romantic

Self-employed professional, 36, GWM, 6'3", 185 lbs., blond/blue, HIV–, non-smoker, monogamously inclined, spontaneous and affectionate, seeks self-reliant man for friendship and possible relationship. Enjoy quiet weekends away, billiards, writing, long walks, working for gay rights, discussing world afffairs and old cars, postponing exercise, and listening to Ravel, Patsy Cline, and Dee-Lite. You are 26-38, HIV–, intellectually and emotionally alive, goal-oriented, "out," possess sense for ridiculous, and can readily express your feelings without abusing drugs or alcohol. Let's get together for dessert, take it slowly from there. Your returnable photo a must, and will get mine. Reply BT Box SP122.

All my life I have enjoyed my own company. Now, I'm ready to enjoy yours. 5'8", 155 lbs, 32, GWM, lt br, blu, goodlooking, Jewish, ACA, SF Attorney seeks charming, thoughtful, well educated, goodlooking, non-smoking, drug-free, 28-40, GM SF Professional. I have a strong personality and seek someone who appreciates SF politics, the arts, fine dining, and a good read. I look forward to your reply. Democrats only, please. Reply BT Box SP123 or call ★★3520.

Yuppie By Day, Stud By Night

Seeks unpretentious, self-confident, masculine god. Must be perfect. And modest. I am. No sense of humor. Don't send photos. And don't send naked ones—with your muscles bulging and that come-hither look. Oh, you teese. Are you in your twenties, good looking, have a brain and your act together? I am, I am and I do. Let's meet. Reply BT Box SP124 or call ★★3521.

Fall'n Love

If they go together, so may we...good looking GWM (39 yo brn/blue 160 lbs, asymptomatic positive) seeks similar playmate to enjoy a free September (back to working evening hours in October). Where is that bright, slim, sexy man who's free to fall in love? Reply BT Box SP125 or call ★★3522.

Take A Chance With

A fun, masculine, goodlooking GWM who is open, honest, caring and sincere. He's 28, 5'8", 160, dark blond, blue, HIV– with a husky gym build. Likes a variety of things, has a positive attitude and would like to meet someone to joke and do things with. If you are 23-38, masculine top or bottom, taller than myself, with a good build, HIV–, nicely hung (6"+), goodlooking and would like a great friend or more...let me know. Send a picture along with a letter and phone number. All will be answered. Please, no smokers, drugs or heavy drinkers. Thank you! Reply BT Box SP126.

Long Term Companion Sought

by goodlooking AM, 22, 5'6", 130, college educated. My ideal man: clean-cut, masculine WM 20-35, well-built, but also warm at heart. I am open-minded, and lead a very constructive life. I am looking forward to share many things in life with this special man. I respect sincerity and open-communication. If relationship does not evolve, I hope friendship will. Call ★★3523.

Most Guys Think I'm Straight

I'm a very fit, athletic, straight appearing, handsome GWM, 5'10", 165, 42, muscular, Mediterannean good looks, hairy chest and legs, nice pud, mostly into mutual safe oral play. You're an athletic, adventuresome, masculine GWM, 20-46, looking for no strings play and attention. We'll get our "heads" together and be creative. Reply BT Box SP127 or call ★★3524.

Well Hung German

Daddy, 48, 5'8" 170 lbs, successful builder looking for bubble butt bottom to share neat Victorian house and quality lifestyle. Replies w/ picture to: Box 743 'A' St, Hayward 94541 or call ★★3525.

Looking

Goodlooking GWM student, 34, blond, 6'1", 190#, HIV–, mustache, hzl eyes, muscular, seeks other healthy, busy, cleancut, HIV– guys, somewhat like me, for relationship/friendship. I enjoy working out, long conversations, classical music, motorcycle riding, cuddling and just being with a good friend doing nothing special. Your photo gets mine. Reply BT Box SP128.

Sicilian Sean Connery

Seeking partner for fun, safe sex, and intimacy. Me: very hairy, masculine, attractive Italian jock with brains. Youthful 44, 5'10", 162, athletic runner/wtlfter, down to earth, energetic, lusty, and sexually versatile. My interests are eclectic but include sports (49ers and Giants), music, nature, films, and my career. You: masculine GWM 32-48 (give or take a couple of years either way) physically fit and health conscious, energetic with a sense of humor. Your age, HIV status, etc. are less important than being down to earth, your sense of yourself, and your desire for intimacy and commitment. Let's meet and have a good time! Reply BT Box SP129 or call ★★3526.

Heart, Humor And Us

I'm a 25 yo GWM, artist, 6'1", brown hair/green eyes, 210 lbs. I enjoy old movies, comedy, art and good conversation. I'm looking for a relationship with someone that has an excellent sense of humor, a big heart and intellect. Dark hair, red heads, big noses, New Yorkers and UK men all pluses. Send photo/letter or call. Reply BT Box SP130 or call ★★3527.

It's Hard

not sounding cliche in one of these things, but here goes! looking for new friends to share adventures with. Long walks in the city, a good game of scrabble, reading, weekend trips, and much more are what I'm about. I'm tall and fit (not a gym groupie), have a beard and moustache, wear glasses, and am happy with my looks. I like husky, hairy men but everyone reply and together we will share a new adventure! Please, no cigarettes or drugs. Thanks! Reply BT Box SP131.

Wanted

Nice guys who are handsome, masculine, cut, HIV–, oral, (husky, hairy, freckles a plus). Me: Quality GWM, 5'9", 160 lbs, 30 something, brown hair, hazel eyes, nice bod, x-handsome. Into boxer shorts, jock straps, goodtimes, dating, etc. Reply with a photo, you won't be disappointed. Reply BT Box SP132 or call ★★3528.

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A mature, honest, stable, loving, attractive, intelligent, adventurous, lusty, witty, supportive, talented GWM is just 29 cents away! If you possess and seek similar attributes, let's talk. Relationship oriented and experienced. Physical details fairly unimportant. Buff to basic, just be healthy inside and out. Hirsute men to the front. Moustaches take one step forward. Be serious about commitments and communication. Age not as important as maturity, integrity and positive self-image. Bring a range of interests so we can share some and teach others. Smile and let it show. Enjoy life and want someone to share it with. I'm waiting! Reply BT Box SP133 or call ★★3529.

Simple

Attractive, late 20s GWM seeks men of Mexican heritage. Having traveled to Mexico often, I have a fondness for the beauty of the land and the men. My interest is sincere so please drop me a note about yourself and a photo (if possible) and help me keep the spirit of Mexico alive within my corazon! No smokers or drugs, thanks! Reply BT Box SP134 or call ★★3530.

Don't Give Up On Love

Just when you least expected it, my ad appeared. There are no accidents. If you are the one; you probably are handsome, well built, masculine, HIV–, emotionally mature, spiritually open, oral, and thirty-something. You enjoy good restuarants, fine wines, Sea Ranch, and dogs. I'm 39, 5'9", well traveled, and considered a catch by most. If this matches any of your pictures, reply with photo to BT Box SP 135 or call ★★3531.

Special Friend Wanted

Compassionate, caring, attractive GWM, 47, 5'11", 167 lbs, smoker, non-drinker with furry chest, brown hair and hazel eyes seeks kind, gentle, masculine companion for friendship, dating and possible relationship. A health care worker for 15 years, I'm presently coping with preliminary HIV-related symptoms. While your HIV status and race are unimportant, you should be 35-50, have your head screwed on firmly, be sexually versatile, a light/non-drinker, non-substance abuser with enough free time to enjoy interests beyond the bar scene. I like cooking at home, movie and theatre going, taking walks around the City and have an appreciation for beauty. If you are open to meeting an outgoing personality with a zest for life whose sense of humor is a bit warped around the edges, I'd like to hear from you. SF resident preferred. Reply BT Box SP136 or call ★★3532.

Smart Men Ahoy!

I'm looking for a fellow with brains, sensitivity, humor and a fierce pop culture/arts sensibility. I'm a GWM (30, 5'9", 170 lbs, HIV–) who writes for a living. I love to laugh, go out on the town, be in touch with my inner child and have smoochy safe sex. You enjoy the same, don't drink much or do drugs, are roughly my age or older and ready to be in a stable, loving relationship. Therapy experience and hirsuteness a plus! Dysfunctional behavior and acid wash a minus! Write 2215-R Market, #452, SF 94114 or call ★★3533.

East Bay Sensualist

My hot tongue on your neck, nipples and other erotic zones, a hot oil massage, and more. For a sensual evening or a prelude to something more, reply if you're HIV–, in good shape, sensual and good looking. I live in the Oakland Hills, smoke, and am HIV–, 44, 5'9", 160, Br/Gr, moustache, smooth, am in good shape with a great ass and well-developed legs. Send photo and note or call. Reply BT Box SP137 or call ★★3534.

Not A Sex Ad

This GWM has lots of friends but was made to share more within a loving, enduring relationship. I have dated boys incapable of commitment and cagey men who should know better. But I would love to meet the man who knows what he wants, has a playful side, hopefully, and can share his feelings. His value system/spirituality is more inclusive than his own interests. More about me? All of the above. I am 45, 6', 163#, HIV–, runner's body, light brn hair/balding, clean-cut, outgoing professional. Not into bars; drugs/tobacco free. I feel passionately about classical music, poetry, doing things with friends like hikes, bike rides, runs. Sex has been overemphasized into an absolute, but the mutual chemistry and friend-

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ship are more important to me. If this touches you, please write to PO Box 9056, Berkeley 94709.

Black and Brown Men Together

This 35 year old Mexican guy is looking for an African-American man for friendship, fun and possible relationship. I'm a healthy professional w/a great sense of humor. Good looking too! This Latino lover is 6', 180 lbs, black hair, mustache with beautiful Mayan eyes. Let's get together for a hike, movie, dinner or...send letter w/picture. Reply BT Box SP138 or call ★★3535.

Athletic and Intellectual

Blue eyed strawberry blond, 41, 5'11", 175, clean cut, HIV –, clean shaven with a lean hairy chested, broad shouldered, well muscled physique (plus freckles), seeks contacts for recreation, friendship, and possibly more. I have an unusually wide range of interests—running, tennis, cycling, gym workouts, baseball/softball, Cal football, assorted games, chocolate, classical music, travel, national and world affairs. If you are a clean-shaven, in-shape, smoke and drug-free GA or GW between 25 and 40 with some interest in the above, I strongly suggest you respond. (Advantage if you look hot in your bike shorts.) Reply BT Box SP139 or call ★★3536.

Perfect Strings?

Attractive, playful, passionate, well-educated, classical pianist, GWM 31, 5'8" with dark hair, mustache and large sensitive brown eyes, seeks intelligent, non-smoking, HIV –, thirty-something, relationship-oriented guy with masculine good looks and a warm, nurturing heart for harmony and counterpoint. I'm partial to the arts, psychology, speaking French, animated conversation, hiking, gourmet cooking and dining. If this overture strikes a responsive chord, resonate your sympathetic vibrations in a thoughtful response. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box SP140 or call ★★3537.

Music, Not Sex

Gay music business professional has steady supply of free tickets for rock/pop/disco events. You have a car, are responsible and have a passionate interest in music. You don't drink much or take drugs. You are never late. Write 2215-R Market, #452, SF 94114 and tell me your musical interests. (This is not a sex ad!)

Lipstick Traces

Sweet, soft, submissive 22 yo, novice x-dresser seeking the match to make Paris Burn. Great legs, beautiful smile, intelligent and necessarily cautious, I insist on respect and openess. This is all very new to me, but I want so much to share my pretty, sexy side with a sensitive, tenderly dominant man. Race is not an issue, all replies answered. Call ★★3538.

Please Hurry

An attractive GAM college student, 22, seeks a 25-40 year old GWM for financial support in the context of a loving and committed relationship. I am a good cook, enjoy music and movies, and do not drink or use drugs. Reply BT Box SP141 or call ★★3539.

Big Mac

I got a big dick shaped like a huge hamburger just for you. Call ★★3540.

Underwear Trips

Hot to play in erotic underwear/Speedos? Turned on being felt up in something sexy/tight/skimpy? Or being caught/spanked/forced to wear??? Discrete WM 5'7", 145, young looking 42, HIV –, profess, exper, dominant top with collection enjoys hot imaginative safe scenes/roleplaying with young passive guys. Am versatile from soft fondling, cuddling, titplaying, to wrestle/spanking. Small/novices especially welcomed. 519 Castro, Suite 40, SF 94114.

"I Need It Now,"

is what I whine with a great deal of consistency. But you're too busy straightening your tie or some such nonesense to pay me any mind. Then off you go to leave me sulking all afternoon with chocolates. My only companion, the housekeeper, consoles me daily. I'm sure she'll quit soon enough, as she's growing progressively weary of your antics as well. What makes you think I'm more than a good lay, anyway? Reply BT Box SP142 or call ★★3541.

Life's A Banquet

but too many SOB's are starving to death. Looking for one cute, hunky, energetic white or latin guy, 18-25, bi or inexperienced OK, eager to get together with mature yet boyish WM, 32, super-attractive and spirited, warm and sensual, sweet yet masculine, for erotic, fun, and tender physical encounters. We'll take it from there. Respond with photo (discretely returned) to PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

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Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing/Appreciative, hairy, husky, gentle and strong man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking, sharing/Do respond to: Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3542/Do respond to: Bear, 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★3542.

GWM Butterfly

I am an androgynous, trim, 34 year old GWM, fair-haired and blue-eyed, who enjoys occasional drag. I need a dominant, masculine GAM to play rough and fuck me hard. Tough guys interested in one thing only are just my cup of pee. Call ★★3543.

Why Do I Intimidate You?

Gregarious, long-haired "out there" kinda guy with a suffering flair for life finds it hard to connect with fellas of the opposite caliber. Not being a narcissist, I'm not looking to fuck myself, but rather to find great possibilities in guys that are socially disabled, bored bankers or conservative-minded (no republicans, thank you). You've got that kink swelling up inside you, now let it out—count to three—then jump. Oh, and throw in a picture while you're at it. Reply BT Box SP143 or call ★★3544.

Young Lust

This devilishly handsome guy is looking for guys full of young lust—guys 20-25 yrs. I remember lust down by the creek in the field!!! Me: GWM aggressive, 5'9", 155 lbs, 36, edible, lustful. You: 20-25 yrs, ready, willing & able. We were all handsome when we were 20-25 yrs. J/O, safe sex, good times. First timers OK. Reply BT Box SP144 or call ★★3545.

Horny, Handsome Uncuts

Professional guy with a somewhat radical attitude wants to meet uncut guys. This aggressive GWM, 35, 5'9", 155 lbs, brwn/blu wants to meet guys 20-40 yrs Uncut, Europeans or Latins for J/O, safe sex and erotic play. New friends, travel mates? Reply BT Box SP145 or call ★★3546.

Berkeley/SF Area

Goodlooking GWM, 30s, short blonde, blue, clean shaven, HIV –, 5'8", into boots, leather jackets, weights, jocks, safe games, seeks similar (HIV –) for occasional kicks (B&D?). Other hobbies or occupation not important: Contact box or phone if description interests and sounds like you. Also have fetish for guys in the closet. Let's date. Reply BT Box SP146 or call ★★3547.

Papa Bear Seeks Black Cub

GWM wants relationship with GBM. Me: 6', 200, 50, short beard, hairy chest, healthy, in great shape. Enjoy movies, dining out, home-centered activities. You: masculine, under 45, slender or muscular, strong but tender. Pluses: blue-collar, g/p, interest in sports or games, Black Pride. Not into bars or dancing. Reply BT Box SP147 or call ★★3548.

Dress Circle, Series R

Intelligent and personable young GWM operagoer is looking for a fellow Series R subscriber whom he might chat about with during intermissions and possibly join afterwards for a late night supper. I am somewhat of a novice—this is only my 5th season—and I'd love to find a knowledgeable mentor, although someone fresh on the scene with first-timer's excitement would also be charming. Cute standees are most welcome. No opera snobs, please. Call ★★3549.

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Asian Men

A kind, gentle, quiet, well-educated, well-traveled, professional, masculine, discreet, nice-looking, HIV –, GWM, 6'1", 175 lbs, 55 yo, would like to meet you. Looks and age not important but being considerate, sincere, and masculine in appearance and action are. Please reply with letter and photo to BT Box SP 148 or call ★★3551. All will be answered.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

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How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

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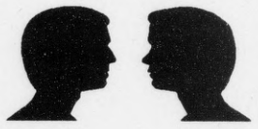

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For $20 you get the contact information for the ~~7~~ 10 men who are your best matches among our current members in your area. (Add $10 per additional set of 5.) Your contact information will be "listed" for three months (with free extensions) for other members to contact you (unless you leave Step 2 blank). You will know of these matches only when they contact you.

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How long will it take?

Most orders are filled within a week. If the difference between your postmark date and ours is more than 14 days, we will include an extra $5.00 credit voucher with your order, applicable to future ComQuest orders. All correspondence from ComQuest will be mailed in plain envelopes.

OK, I'll try it. What do I do?

This is the hard part. But it can be fun, too. The questionnaire is on the righthand side of this page. Refer to the instructions to the right to complete Steps 3, 4, and 5. It is very important to read them carefully. If you do not follow the instructions we cannot guarantee the results. If you need help, call 1-708-991-0693 (9-5 CST, M-F). For additional application forms call 1-800-633-6969 (24 hours).

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Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word **me** beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one **me** under each category. Circle more than one **me** if appropriate.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word **veto, no, ok** or **yes** beside *each and every* item (including those by which you circled **me**) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle *exactly one* of these responses per item, as described below:

Circle **yes** if you *want* that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *for* a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle **ok** if you *don't care* one way or the other. This is an *abstention*—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as **ok**.

Circle **no** if you *do not* want that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *against*—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle **veto** if you want *no matches* with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a *disqualification* and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 **vetos** to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, **either** . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, **or** . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. Noes and yeses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled **no**. However, vetoes are exclusive regardless of category rank.

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ComQuest™ Application Form (see instructions to the left)

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Step 1 - Confidential Mailing Address - Please *print* your name and mailing address below. This is only for our use in mailing you your matches, and is kept confidential. (Correspondence is mailed discreetly in plain envelopes.)

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I hereby affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I will hold neither ComQuest nor its agents liable for the accuracy of information provided or the behavior or health of the people I meet as a result of its services. (Signature is *required*.)

Signed _____ Date _____

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